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Family Weekend attendance drops

By Amanda Dugan
News Editor

Attendance at this year's Family Weekend was down, with only 1,503 students and parents in attendance. Family weekend was held Sept. 16 and 17 and presented by the Alumni Association.

"I think [attendance] is down because it was so early this year. Last year it was in October," said Amy Lancaster, Alumni Association Parents Program manager.

Family Weekend events this year included tours of campus, department receptions, seminars and the football game against the University of Connecticut. Lancaster said the football game caused this year's weekend to be earlier.

"[The time] is all dependent on the football schedule and there is a committee that determines [the date]. I think they will try to get a feel from us on when it should be," Lancaster said.

Last year's Family Weekend was held on the first weekend in October and coincided with the sold-out Miami game.

Family Weekend is an opportunity for parents to experience the everyday life of a student. It is also a time for prospective students and their families to preview Tech. Over 400 current students and 150 prospective students were involved in the weekend.

"It gives parents an opportunity to come see campus and not rely on their student to entertain them.



By Jon Drews/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The Melton family eats appetizers at the Family Weekend reception held at the CRC, which included a swimming and diving exhibition. Attendance was down this year with 1,503 people participating.

They get to see parts of campus their students may not know that well. I view it as an add-on to the orientation program. Once their student is in college they get another viewpoint compared to FASET. They get to see what the classes are like, where they eat and who their professors are. It gives them a taste of where their students are going to school," said Carly Westcott, a third-year Management major and Student Ambassador.

Lancaster said she felt that one important role of the weekend is letting parents visit campus and their

students under normal conditions. "I think it is important for families to come back once students are settled in. Most of our attendees have freshmen. Move-in is so stressful, [Family Weekend] is a good time to get to see all Tech has to offer and reconnect with their students," Lancaster said.

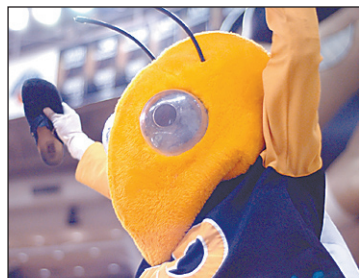
Westcott said that although most parents attending have first-year students, there was a variety of parents attending. "I think [the events] went very well. A lot of the parents were returning. Several of them had third-year students. We

had a range of parents from current students, freshman, prospective students and alumni who just wanted to come back. I was really impressed with the variety of the parents that came," Westcott said.

In addition to events meant to give parents a general knowledge of campus, Lancaster said the weekend offers parents a chance to get to know their student's majors.

"Each individual school hosts departmental receptions. They have open houses with presentations that

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By Julia Bunch/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Buzz continues winning streak

Buzz took home yet another award this week, winning the Blue Ribbon trophy from Turner South as favorite ACC mascot. Buzz beat out competitors from North Carolina State University, Wake Forest University and Clemson University.

This victory adds to Buzz's recent successes, as he has gone 2-0 in the CapitalOne Mascot Challenge.

This week he faces off against University of Tennessee's Smokey. Students can vote for Buzz at r.espn.go.com/espn/contests/capital-one/.

Buzz will appear on Turner South's Blue Ribbon Award Show Special Nov. 24.

Ray's welcomes BuzzCard users

Ray's New York Pizza and Cedar's Mediterranean, a combination restaurant in Tech Square, is now accepting BuzzCards as well as cash and check. The restaurant is located on 5th Street past Barnes and Noble.

Constitution day draws crowd

By Nikhil Joshi
Assistant News Editor

In celebration of Constitution Day, a faculty committee organized the Free-Speech-a-Thon and Constitution Alley, two of several events which took place during the past week to remind students of constitutional issues. Richard Barke, a professor in Public Policy, led the committee which formed in response to a federal mandate requiring that schools which receive federal funding must observe Sept. 17, the anniversary of the Constitution's signing.

Moderated by members of the Pre-Law Society and Mock Trial Team, the Free-Speech-a-Thon featured speeches from 18 students on a wide variety of topics, most of which dealt with constitutional issues. Dozens of students gathered in the midday heat around the Campanile on Friday to listen to their peers.

One speaker, Grant Farmer, a second-year Earth and Atmospheric Science major, spoke about his views on a number of issues, including the right to protest.

"It is important to fight for your right to speak your mind. You are not un-American if you are unhappy with how the nation is being run, and don't let anyone tell you oth-



By Ariel Bravy/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Victoria Bennett, a fourth-year Mechanical Engineering major, speaks about the world being a better place at the Free Speech-a-thon.

erwise," he said in his speech. "This is America, and the day when protesting is seen as un-American and something only for hippies, is the day that we are no longer better than a dictatorship."

During Constitution Alley on Monday, students were encouraged to write their thoughts on several constitutional issues on sticky notes which were pasted onto eight different poster boards on Skiles Walkway. One board asked students what they thought were the most important

constitutional issues. Other board topics included evolution, genetic engineering and affirmative action. "We came up with questions where we thought there were two sides," Barke said.

The event, which was rescheduled from its original date because of logistical reasons, caught the attention of over a thousand students, Barke said. Along with several students two other professors, Greg Nobles,

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Viral meningitis hospitalizes Ball

By Nikhil Joshi
Assistant News Editor

Emory Hospital released starting quarterback Reggie Ball Monday, who had been treated for a case of viral meningitis. Ball was taken to the hospital Saturday after receiving treatment Friday at the Health Center. Ball went to football practice Tuesday, although head coach Chan Gailey said his activity would be minimal.

As of Wednesday it was still unknown whether Ball will play in tomorrow's game against Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va.

Gailey said that Ball's health seemed to be improving. "Reggie came by my office yesterday afternoon after he got out of the hospital, and I was able to talk to him a little bit. He's obviously doing a lot better since the last time I'd seen him. We'll work him back slowly, and we

are not willing to take any chances," he said.

Gailey said that he would exercise caution during the process of getting Ball back on the field. "We'll

have to make sure he understands the step process that we need to go through to get him back to full-speed. When you start feeling better, you think you're back to full-speed right away but we have to help him understand that process."

Before putting him in for an entire game, Gailey said, he would have to be sure that Ball's symptoms were completely gone. "As the doctors tell me, you have to make sure that the symptoms don't come back as he continues to exert himself. His body has been through a traumatic ordeal lately and you don't want to have a repeat of that."

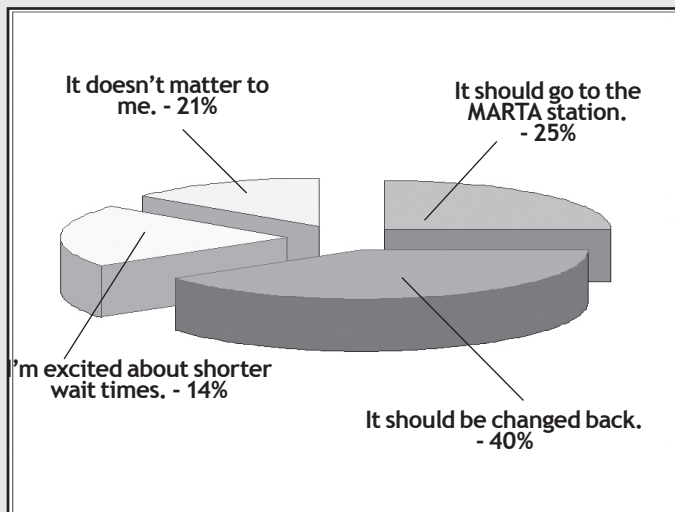
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Chan Gailey
Football Head Coach

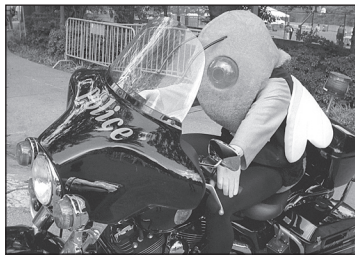
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What do you think about the Stingerette changes?



By Lauren Griffin/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

How did your first rounds of tests go?Tell us at www.nique.net**Not the red cup!**

An unknown thief entered the Pike house at 8:10 a.m. Sept. 8. The resident was in his loft when he heard a noise. However, he was not able to get a description before the culprit ran out. Among the items taken were a Dell Inspiron laptop, \$50 cash and \$30 in change from a red plastic cup.

Pass the...evidence

Around 12:50 p.m. Sept. 7, a payroll employee was opening the mail and found a marijuana-like substance in an interdepartmental

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Campus Crime

envelope. GTPD was notified and the substance put into evidence.

Damaged mirrors

Two housing vehicles were damaged sometime between Sept. 2 and Sept. 6 near Sixth Street Apartments. Both vehicles were '97 Ford Rangers. One vehicle had a broken driver's side mirror and one had a broken passenger side mirror. No other damage was found on either vehicle.

Greek graffiti

On Sept. 4, a student reported obscene graffiti spray painted on the

east side window of the Phi Kappa Tau House. It is unknown when this vandalism took place. The cost of damages was under \$500.

Rough morning?

An officer was asked to give a breathalyzer test to a Tech employee at 10:55 a.m. Sept. 2 after the employee was questioned about drinking at work. The test resulted in 0.261 grams of alcohol.

This week's campus crime information written by Kenneth Baskett

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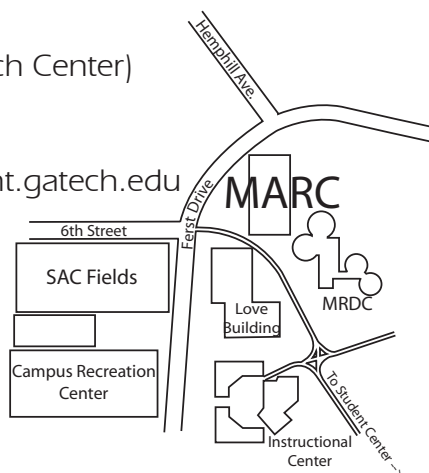
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Corrections

Technique would like to note that Bridgetown Grill was incorrectly identified as being located at the corner of 3rd and West Peachtree in last week's issue. The restaurant is in fact at the corner of 3rd and Peachtree.

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Council Clippings



Each week, elected members of the houses of the Student Government Association (SGA) meet to consider allocation bills and talk about campus issues. Here are summaries of those meetings.

Graduate Student Senate

Senate withdraws allocation for food

By James Stephenson
Contributing Writer

The Graduate Student Senate passed four bills during its regular weekly meeting this Tuesday. Quorum was met with 12 senators present at the meeting.

The first bill discussed was a joint allocation to the Student Government Association (SGA). The bill would provide \$200 from last year's account to fund Dean Boyd's farewell reception. The majority of the allocated money, \$150, would be allocated for snacks and drinks, while the rest would be used for supplies.

After consulting with David Andersen, undergraduate student body president, the senate decided to withdraw the bill.

Vice President Mitch Keller discussed the student health insurance policy and the movement to increase health insurance for graduate students in his officer report. "[The committee has been] rejecting all bids because the bids did not benefit the students," Keller said.

The new health insurance mission would include three distinct plans: mandatory health insurance,

Bills passed

- Joint Allocation to GT Wrestling Club
- Joint Allocation to Georgia Tech Paintball Organization for X-ball
- Resolution Amendments to the By-Laws of the GSS
- Resolution Amendments to the Constitution of the GSS

Bills tabled

- Joint Allocation to Homecoming 2006

voluntary health insurance and study abroad insurance.

Mandatory insurance would cover all international and graduate students as well as those enrolled in a specific program requiring health insurance. Voluntary insurance would include all other students and currently includes graduate students. Study abroad insurance does not yet have an appropriate definition, but a movement has been made to include Fellowship students.

Concerns about the insurance

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Undergraduate House of Representatives

UHR delays Homecoming vote



By Scott Medway / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Alex Molnar speaks on behalf of the GT Wrestling Club about a bill to allocate funds for the club to purchase new uniforms. UHR passed a joint allocation to the club along with five other bills.

By John Maddux
Contributing Writer

The third assembly of the Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR) passed six bills. The meeting began with an announcement about the Graduate Senate's withdrawal of a joint allocation to the Student Government Association (SGA) that the UHR passed last week. The bill had allocated \$150 towards food, which is against the Joint Finance Committee's policy, for an upcoming reception.

"Think about the precedent you are setting when you pass a bill ... [We need] a large enough stock pile of money left," said David Ander-

son, undergraduate student body president.

A joint allocation to the GT Wrestling Club was the first bill considered. The club asked for the funding of 14 new uniforms for this season. "[Last year there were] not enough uniforms so we had to mix and match ... it was pretty embarrassing. [The] old [uniforms] will go to the extra [competitors] at some tournaments," said Alex Molnar, GT Wrestling Club treasurer. GT Wrestling club competes in eight to 10 tournaments a year. The bill was passed by the UHR.

The GT Paintball Club's bill for \$6,600 was considered in order to

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Bills passed

- Joint Allocation to GT Wrestling Club
- Joint Allocation to Georgia Tech Paintball Organization for X-ball
- Appointments to Institute Committees
- Appointment for Council Representatives
- Allocation to College Republicans for Diversity Lecture
- Allocation to FreshGA

Bills tabled

- Joint Allocation to Homecoming 2006

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By Ayan Kishore / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Rock for a cause. Inner City Orchestra performs for a Katrina Relief Concert held at the Campanile, Sept. 16.

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fund the entry fees for their competitions this year. “[We have been] in existence five years, competing on the national circuit for three years, and this year we will be on national television. The amount we are asking for is small compared to the amount we raised,” said the club representative.

The UHR decided to fund the bill except for \$1,650 which was allocated for an entry fee to the NCPA Championships, which the team has not qualified for yet. The bill was passed in reduced form.

The next bill considered was for the funding for the Ramblin’ Reck club for Homecoming 2006. A club representative said the club sponsors three of the main events and most of the security for homecoming including the cake race.

“The reason this money is being asked for is because the GT police have recently reorganized and [they] don’t provide the security service for free anymore,” said Matt Moore, a club representative.

Moore said they asked the police to volunteer but said that it was

unlikely. Several representatives expressed concern about the money being allocated for the next fiscal year, which is outside the Joint Finance Committee’s guidelines. The UHR tabled the bill for one week so

“[We] have a lot of technology in place, but we don’t want to lose contact with [the students].”

Reta Pikowsky
Head Registrar

that the organization can find out the exact costs.

A bill to allocate money to the College Republicans for a diversity lecture was considered but was withdrawn after Micah Lucas, graduate vice president of Finance, said that in order for the bill to be passed the Joint Finance Committee required that it be withdrawn and resubmitted in a different form.

Other bills considered were an allocation to FreshGA to fund a retreat and appointments to Institute Committees. Both bills were passed.

Head Registrar Reta Pikowsky gave a presentation on the state of the registrar’s office at Georgia Tech.

“Internal communication could be better. [There is] no mechanism to get feedback from the students,” Pikowsky said. She said that there are too many papers involved. “I think we are sending you running around campus with pieces of paper in your hands,” she said.

Her self audit of the office found it to be accurate in its handling of the transcripts, and well equipped with modern technology and software. She said that improvement of the staff is important. “[We] have a lot of technology in place, but we don’t want to lose contact with [the students],” she said.

Pikowsky was asked about her views on priority registration for some students by an undergraduate representative. “The more people you give it to the less impact it has. I would only give it to [students with] mobility disabilities,” she said.

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were raised regarding the quality of benefits and the cost of the new premiums.

The schedule is to draft a new policy by mid-October, finish reviewing bids by January and have approval by the first of March.

“All students should be required to have health insurance, but that is too big a step to take all at once, so we have scaled back our plan,” said Keller.

The next order of business was the committee reports. Senator Pelham Norville reported on two issues. The first issue discussed was the pending Senate election. “As of this morning we’ve had about 250

votes,” he said. Senators said to vote through the website, www.elections.gatech.edu.

“Next Monday at 11 a.m. is the new Senator orientation. Those Senators running for re-election are also encouraged to attend,” Norville said.

The second issue discussed was the allocation of basketball tickets. A plan is being drafted to provide upperclassmen and frequent attendees priority in getting high-demand tickets. The tickets will be allocated based on a point system. The top 25% are guaranteed a ticket, the middle 60% are drawn from a weighted lottery and the bottom 15% are drawn from a random lottery.

“Tech is committed to getting

students who wish to see the game into the game. Fifteen minutes after the start of the game any empty seat will be filled by students who simply have to show their BuzzCard at the gate to get in,” Norville said.

The senate passed a joint allocation to the GT Wrestling Club after discussion. The bill will give \$1,028 to the Wrestling Club for 14 wrestling uniforms. The organization was not present and a motion to postpone was submitted but failed. The bill came to a vote and was passed with a count of 8-2.

The third bill on the agenda, a joint allocation to Homecoming 2006, would allocate \$2947.25 to the Ramblin’ Wreck for Homecoming 2006. The Ramblin’ Reck club

has sponsored Homecoming for 75 years. Concerns were raised that organizations that have sponsored Homecoming in the past are withdrawing their support and putting the burden on the SGA.

“Homecoming is an integral part of every Georgia Tech student’s college experience. [It] offers a time for Georgia Tech students to display their creativity and compete among other students in various events,” Norville said.

Due to concerns raised by Senate members, the bill was postponed to next week’s meeting.

Two bills, Resolution amendments to the constitution of the GSS and the resolution amendments to the by-laws of the GSS, were slated

together, moved to old business and passed.

The last bill discussed was a joint allocation to the Georgia Tech Paintball Organization for X-Ball. The initial bill would provide \$6,600 to Georgia Tech Paintball for tournament entry fees during the upcoming school year. The organization had already raised \$14,000 through dues, corporate sponsorship and their own out-of-pocket contributions.

Senators raised the issue to strike line 15 of the request funding the NCPA championship, which the team has not qualified for yet. “If we fund it and they don’t qualify, it’ll be a sticky mess,” Norville said.

The bill was amended to strike line 15 and passed.

Single grads occupy married housing

By Sawan Patel
Senior Staff Writer

Housing did not give several graduate students the rooms they requested in the Graduate Living Center due to large numbers of undergraduates who applied for housing in the fall and summer semesters. As an alternative, graduate students were offered apartments in the Tenth & Home complex. A total of 192 single graduate students in Tenth & Home. They share a total of 96 two-bedroom units.

According to Maz Kosma, community director at Tenth & Home, Housing had originally planned to discontinue the policy of accepting single graduate students in the married housing this fall semester.

Currently, the facility is at 79 percent capacity. Only 69 percent of the 233 two-bedroom apartments are occupied, but 92 percent of the 161 one-bedroom apartments are occupied.

"We had single grad students who wanted to stay here and we had some empty family apartments, so we didn't want to turn anyone away," Kosma said.

Kosma said he is not concerned about the situation. "When we opened in January, a lot of students already had apartments elsewhere in the city and they did not want to opt out of their leases. Other students had not yet made their decision to attend Tech or been admitted," he said.

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Maz Kosma
Tenth and Home
Community Director



By Jason Ossey / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Tenth and Home, an on-campus residence for married students, is housing 192 single graduate students in two-bedroom units.

79 percent capacity. We feel that once the apartments are full they will stay full with high turnover.

There are 5,200 graduate students and only 4,200 are full-time compared to many more undergraduate students so we have a relatively small pool to work from," said Rosalind Meyers, associate vice president of Auxiliary Services.

Housing said it is relying on word-of-mouth as a recruitment

tool. "Our graduate students stay here for anywhere between two and nine years, and there are many more all

over the world who know each other very well so word will get out quickly and there will be a gradual buildup," Meyers said. "Sometimes students ask us for specific apartments because they've kept up with what's being renovated even when they have been away from Tech."

Tenth & Home replaced Healy Hall and the Callaway Apartments, which were built in the late 1930s and torn down during the fall semester of 2003.

"The old apartments were very antiquated, they had central air conditioning, the interiors were run-down, they didn't have washers [and] dryers in every room, and there was no guaranteed parking spot, so we had to vacate them even at full occupancy," Meyers said.

In response to concerns families may have about raising their children in the middle of the city, Kosma said

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Breaking *the* Bubble

A lot of things went on outside the bubble of Tech in the past week. Here are a few important events taking place throughout the nation and the world.

Al Qaeda claims responsibility

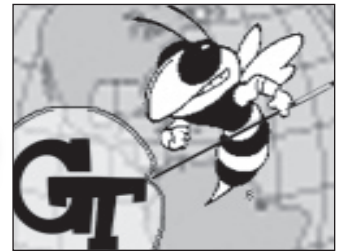
A tape shown on the Arabic network Al-Jazeera Monday contained a statement from Ayman al-Zawahiri, Osama bin Laden's chief deputy, describing al Qaeda's responsibility in the London bombings. A counter-terrorism official from the U.S. said that the appearance of al-Zawahiri's statements does not prove that the organization was involved in the July London bombings, according to CNN.

The official further reported to CNN that members of al Qaeda had previously hinted that the organization was responsible. He said that al Qaeda appeared to be "content to take credit for any terrorist attack." The tape also contained English subtitles, which the official said he suspected was an attempt to gain publicity around the world.

Man-eating lions kill 20 Ethiopians

According to police reports, a pride of lions killed 20 people in a village located in the Hadia Zone in the Southern Nation and Nationalities People State of Ethiopia. In addition, 10 people were wounded and 70 cattle were killed.

According to CNN, after the attack more than 1,000 Ethiopians fled the Hadia Zone, an area located 250 miles north of the capital Addis Ababa. "Killing these lions would



be the only way to rescue the residents in the area and prevent other casualties," the police report said. Police also said that the lions probably attacked because of the reduction of available prey.

Roberts nomination opposed by Reid

Harry Reid, Democratic minority leader of the Senate, announced on Tuesday that he opposed John Roberts, President Bush's Chief Justice nominee. Reid, reported CNN, accused the Bush administration of refusing to cooperate with requests for documents about his views. He also said he was doubtful that Roberts was committed to preserve civil rights.

Reid said he convinced other Democrats to not take a stance on the issue until Roberts is confirmed. However, Reid said that he expects Roberts' nomination to be confirmed next week.

"This is a very close question for me. But I must resolve my doubts in favor of the American people whose rights would be in jeopardy if John Roberts turned out to be the wrong person for the job," he said.

He said that Roberts, referring to released memos regarding his past, aided the Republican effort as a lawyer in the Reagan administration to push back civil rights protections.

"No one suggests that John Roberts was motivated by bigotry or animosity towards minorities or women, but these memos lead one to question whether he truly appreciated the history of the civil rights struggle," he said.

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a professor in History, Technology and Society (HTS) and Colleen Terrell, an assistant professor in Literature, Communications and Culture (LCC), and Barke facilitated involvement at the event.

"[Constitution Alley] was an experiment," Barke said. "We had never done anything like it before. We didn't know how many responses we would get." The responses, he said, were great in number. "Being optimistic, I bought hundreds of Post-it notes. In total we got 387 notes with more than 400 comments. We were overwhelmed with the response," he said.

"I thought the responses were wonderful," Terrell said. "Students were engaged. Many people stopped, read the posters and wrote comments."

After posting, many students hung out and talked, and that was also nice to see." Amaris Gutierrez, a first-year Society, Technology and Culture major, was one of the

students that helped out with the execution of Constitution Alley. "I thought it was cool that people actually came out and responded," she said.

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Amaris Gutierrez
First-year STaC Major

"What makes this unique is that it's not an argument or debate. I feel that a lot of people looked at it more openly than an argument," said Tom Morgan, a first-year Computer Science major.

Barke said that the student posts would be displayed in some way. Possibilities include the Student Center,

the Student Services Building or the library's rotunda. "We received a lot of requests that we post these comments somewhere," he said. "There's something intriguing about all of the different writing, colors and notes [on the poster boards]."

The committee which organized the Free-Speech-a-Thon and Constitution Alley was formed in response to a law passed by Congress last December as part of an appropriations bill. In the bill, Senator Robert Byrd of Virginia wrote that universities which received national funds must celebrate Constitution Day in some way but did not specify what would have to be done.

"We spent time discussing what would engage students. We wanted to do something animated," Barke said.

"[The events held to honor Constitution Day] speak very well of Georgia Tech students," he said. "I think they help contradict the stereotype of Tech students as being uninformed and apathetic; [students] just need outlets."

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highlight what they are working on," Lancaster said.

The main event on Friday was the Family Weekend Reception held at the Campus Recreation Center (CRC). "I thought [the reception] was really nice. It was a great way to let the parents see the new facility; it is a great selling point for our school. The dive team performed. [The CRC] was a great venue," Westcott said.

Lancaster said that the Alumni Association included more students in this year's weekend, although the Student Ambassadors have been involved every year.

"This year we had a lot of student groups involved. The swimming and diving team did an exhibition during reception at the Campus Recreation

Center," Lancaster said.

"[Student Ambassadors] did everything from giving tours to help out at receptions and with check-out. We were basically a resource for the student point of view," Westcott said.

Additionally, the a cappella group sang at the pre-game tailgate party and mock trial did an hour long trial for one of the seminars. The Alumni Association also partnered with DramaTech to offer a murder mystery dinner theater on Thursday and Friday nights that sold out.

Lancaster said that the weekend went well despite the lower attendance. Westcott also said she viewed the weekend as a success.

"It definitely went very well. Things ran very smoothly and people were very complimentary," Westcott said.

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Housing is doing everything it can to ensure a safe, close-knit community. He said the facility has a playroom and community room on-site. There are also several social programs and events for children.

"What I like about Tenth & Home is the community," said Laura Lawrence, a stay-at home mother and wife of a Ph.D student in Civil Engineering.

"Everyone here is drawn together by the same things. I also feel really safe here compared to living off-campus," Lawrence said.

Meyers said that Tenth & Home's convenience makes it an ideal residence. "Students love having one bill for all their utilities. They don't have to worry about paying different bills for everything," she said.



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Reggie Ball had started every game at quarterback in his Tech career prior to his hospitalization last Saturday for viral meningitis.

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After Tuesday's practice, according to ramblinwreck.com, Gailey expressed hopes of seeing Ball on the field tomorrow.

"If I had to guess, after practice today, I would say we might see two quarterbacks in the game Saturday," he said.

Ball said that he was unsure of whether or not he would play.

"I've just got to take it day by day. I really don't know how good, or how bad, I'm going to feel come Saturday. It's basically on me and my body. This is a very big game, and I want to play in it, but if I'm physically not able to play, then I won't," he said.

An email sent to students on Sunday announced that Ball had

viral meningitis. Prior to the email, rumors circulated about the seriousness of Ball's illness.

In response to these rumors, Alison George, director of Communications for the Athletic Association (AA), said that the AA would not respond to rumors.

"We're not going to speculate on something until we have all the facts. We're not going to address rumors," she said.

The email to students also stated that there was no reason to panic since viral meningitis is not contagious and

less severe than its bacterial counterpart. Viral meningitis is found in college environments and does not require quarantine.

Michael Clarke also contributed to this article.

"This is a very big game, and I want to play in it, but if I'm not able to play, then I won't."

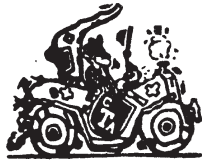
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Quote of the week:

As a remedy to life in society I would suggest the big city. Nowadays, it is the only desert within our means.
—Albert Camus

OUR VIEWS CONSENSUS OPINION

Fight for your rights

Despite the ironic nature of a federally mandated celebration of Constitution Day, Tech organizers pulled off a surprisingly engaging and meaningful event in honor of the document that shapes our country's laws.

A congress appropriations bill forced the idea of Constitution Day onto the school, but instead of blowing it off as just another hoop to jump through to get federal funding, Tech organizers really took it as an opportunity to explore meaningful issues not normally talked about on campus.

A Free-Speech-a-Thon featured 18 students who delivered their thoughts on various concerns such as the right to protest, and Constitution Alley elicited over 400 student responses on constitutional issues our nation currently faces.

In a nation where many citizens do not even know where the Constitution was signed (the answer is Philadelphia), it was encouraging and exciting to see Tech students actively engaging in, discussing and debating about something totally unrelated to the Tech shaft, bad grades or video games.

Often decried as uninformed or apathetic, Tech students showed that we really just need outlets to express our political inclinations. Further events similar to Constitution Day can build on this trickle of political interest. Who knows? One day Tech students might fully exercise all of our constitutional rights.

Living up to the hype

Despite the limited publicity for the event before a last-minute mass email, the International Plan and Research Opportunities Fair had a great turnout of both students and faculty. Hosting the event on Skiles Walkway gave the event a high level of visibility, allowing students who had not previously heard of the fair to check out the assorted displays from different campus programs. The presence of President Clough added the necessary degree of prominence and showed the level of importance placed on the plan by the administration.

Two years of hard work on the part of the administration culminated with the fair, and the community's response displayed the excitement of the students at seeing the final result of the effort. At long last, the administration and the students are on the same page in what they want.

It remains to be seen whether the program actually lives up to its hype, but the fair's results are a promising beginning to what we hope will be a stellar opportunity for Tech's future.

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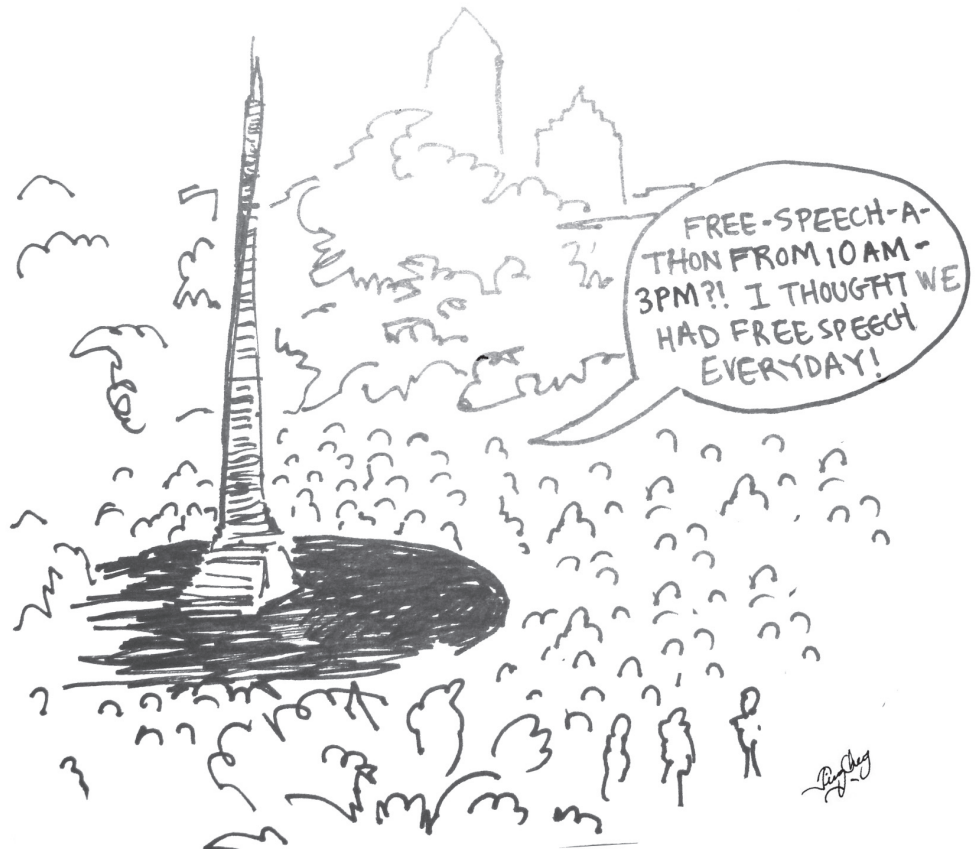
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By Ting Cheng / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

8 a.m. classes zombify students

"I have an 8 a.m. class..."

It rolls off the tongue like a declaration of illness and elicits an outpouring of sympathy and well-wishing.

You might as well have just announced you had the flu or some other disease.

Maybe people will fear it's contagious and back away from you, as if they could get one just from being around you.

It may be debatable whether the flu or the 8 a.m. class is preferable. Unfortunately for me, the School of Chemical Engineering only lists Separations Processes at 8 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, but offers no alternative infection program. A pity.

More to the point though, just what do we as college students hate so much about 8 a.m. classes?

Duh. We have to get up early. That means less sleep, and I have it on good authority that sleep deprivation is bad.

This is where your father's advice comes in (usually in that "it builds character!" tone of voice): why don't you just go to bed earlier?

Well, sure. After I finish my lab report and get to work on my eight hours of homework that I couldn't start sooner since I had classes during the day, not to mention [insert extracurricular activity here].

It's not a matter of poor time management or staying out too late at bars—especially not at a place like Tech.

When I work in the summer, it's comparatively easy to get up for an 8 a.m. job, and many others with whom I've spoken say the same.

Why? Because when work is out at 5 p.m. or 6 p.m. it's done. There's no more extra-long homework assignment or lab report to work late into the night finishing up.

At school, the hours are different for a student balancing class, work, extracurricular activities, research



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Stephen Baehl
Development Editor

and homework. And by different, I mean longer.

It may not be surprising, then, to realize that college students do not typically go to bed early—and, in fact, have been the subject of multiple studies on sleep deprivation, all of which have called it a bad thing (hence the good authority from which I drew my earlier declaration).

A March 2003 *College Student Journal* study referenced sleep studies that indicated that "college students who attain less sleep are more psychologically maladjusted, have lower grade-point averages, are more anxious, less creative, more neurotic and more prone to hallucinate," adding that other studies have found college students who sleep less worry more.

Less drastic pronouncements have also been made regarding performance hindrance as a result of sleep loss. Hans P.A. Van Dongen, assistant professor of sleep and chronobiology at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, said in a March 2003 WebMD medical news article that lack of sleep impairs reaction times, memory and thought.

Of course, there are far easier ways to see the effects of sleep deprivation than reading studies and health journals.

Just look around an early morning class at the dozing, zombie-like students, or the professor almost begging for feedback from his class,

finding them as responsive and intellectually engaged as cattle. That is, assuming the professor himself is awake.

Productivity is just not as high in early morning classes. Most students present get as much benefit from the class as they would have if they stayed in bed and merely experienced a strange dream about thermodynamics, falling through the air, and a walrus.

So what is the solution?

Duke tried eliminating 8 a.m. classes in April 2004 to mixed reactions. Students loved the idea, but valid questions of promoting laziness were raised. And besides, what was to keep 9 a.m. from becoming the next 8 a.m.?

Doing away with the early morning classes entirely only further limits students' options and tends to clump scheduling up more, which could lead to overcrowding in some classes.

What's more, I hear tell of the occasional student who actually chooses to wake up early for class.

The answer could simply lie in the opposite direction—rather than eliminating options, make more of them. Some schools, such as Chemical Engineering, only open one section of a required class each semester. And that section is typically open at 8 a.m., or, more rarely, 9 a.m.

If only one section is to be made

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Ideological extremes propagate social tension

It has been on my mind quite a bit lately that people are mean and that they perceive the world as a place in which they are perpetually victimized as a mechanism to rationalize their meanness. (Why be civil to those who would oppress you, right?) This is not to say, of course, that all people are cold and cruel.

However, there does seem to be a fairly strong correlation between those that behave this way and those that have absolutely no business whatsoever in behaving this way. The irony is overwhelming, I know. Take by way of example the following two stories of mudslinging and woe (but mostly mudslinging):

The other day a friend of mine received, by way of his car's windshield, a flyer for the Atlanta Freethought Society wherein the good people of said society—who, it seems, are unaware that “free thought” is two words—provided a handy-dandy little chart detailing the differences or, in their humble opinion, lack thereof between Christians and crazy people.

The chart is composed of two columns, one for Christians and one for crazy people. For every kooky little thing that crazy people do, the Freethought Society has provided a rough analog of that behavior within the Christian community. My personal favorite is this little



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Evan Zasoski
Entertainment Editor

gem: as it turns out, crazy people “talk to themselves” is answered in the Christian column by the word “pray.”

Now totally disregarding the irony of a group claiming to promote free thought going out of their way to say that one particular mode of thought is, in fact, wrong, that's just plain mean.

Though the cruelty in this debate—if that's what one chooses to call it when grown men and women sit around hurling childish insults at one another—is hardly one sided.

The Christians, or rather some of them, get in their barbs too. When one considers that most of the central tenets of their and for that matter my faith can, not unreasonably, be summed up as “Don't be a dick,” the whole situation hurtles headlong into the realm of the absurd.

The Reverend Jerry Falwell comes to mind as a prime example of this phenomenon. Specifically his remarks immediately follow-

ing the attacks of Sept. 11. This is what the good reverend had to say on the matter:

“I really believe that the pagans and the abortionists and the feminists and the gays and the lesbians who are actively trying to make that an alternative lifestyle, the ACLU, People for the American Way, all of them who try to secularize America...I point the [attacks] in their face and say you helped this happen.”

Again, the logical disconnect between the actual situation and the one presented is astounding. Connecting a few dangerously misled terrorists, the ACLU and its analogs and the Ineffable Will of the Almighty (on which Mr. Falwell apparently believes he has the inside line) gives a whole new meaning to the idea of a leap of faith.

As a matter of fact, the fiery back and forth between the militantly religious and militantly secular in our or any society is so well ingrained in the public consciousness that it hardly bears

citation.

One can barely get through an entire day without hearing someone calling someone else either a hell-bound pagan or a backwards-looking sorcerer dangling some God-as-boogey-man figure over his followers.

Though, at this point, it should be noted that this eternal flame-war is being fought primarily by a very small subset of each group. Most people are happy to live and let live and have no great desire to spend their time hurling insults at those with whom they disagree. Basically, it's just a few bad apples ruining it for everybody.

So, how about this for a plan? Detente.

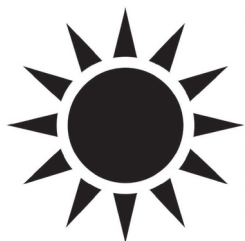
For those secular humanists out there, the next time Jerry Falwell or Pat Robertson are making asses of themselves on national television, just remember that they're both a far cry from speakers for the majority of Christianity and resist the urge to mock any of your openly religious acquaintances in retaliation.

And Christians, don't get your panties in a wad every time a group of nut jobs who don't know how to separate the words “free” and “thought” on their letterhead decide to be jerks.

And definitely don't let it get to you so bad that you go out and write an editorial about the whole mess. Because that's just silly.

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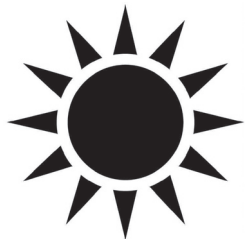


Strong opening act

Redshirt freshman Taylor Bennett played a strong game last weekend against UConn, subbing for the hospitalized Reggie Ball. Showing no signs of stagefright, Bennett hurled a 42-yard pass to Calvin Johnson for a touchdown on his first pass. Though not amazing, Bennett's performance was solid for a first start. He deserves props for keeping the Jackets undefeated for our first 3-0 start in four years.

Questiona-Ball

After a string of 27 consecutive starts, Reggie Ball might still be out of commission tomorrow as he recovers from viral meningitis. Released from the hospital Monday after a weekend at the hospital, Ball's playing status is still questionable for the Virginia Tech game. Ball's experience may make the difference against the No. 4 Hokies, who will be the toughest challenge the Jackets have faced thus far.



Back in the money

After completing a phase of renovations, the Student Center has replaced the Wachovia and Bank of America ATMs on the first floor. Customers of these respective banks no longer need to cross busy streets and wander into the real world to access their money.

Where's the family?

Maybe our parents don't love us anymore, or maybe it was because the UConn game wasn't riveting enough to warrant the trip. Either way, the number of attendees at Family Weekend this past weekend dropped significantly as compared with last year.

YOUR VIEWS LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Aarohi fills needed niche

I find the article in *Technique* bemoaning the plethora of different organizations a little amusing and mostly amateurish (“Redundant organizations cause redundancy”).

The author has pointed out that a student coming from a U.S. high school has 10 clubs to choose from and here at Tech he or she has 367.

The simple reason for this is that the student is not in a high school any more.

Tech is a thriving public university of international repute. The ethnic, cultural and international diversity of this school makes it inevitable, in fact desirable to have a multitude of organizations catering to different interests.

The author has given the example of India Club, which admittedly is a big organization catering to varied interests of a huge Indian student population. Aarohi is a niche organization (sadly Indian classical music

has become niche these days!) founded by graduate students from India who collaborate with Indian Classical Music Society of Atlanta to organize concerts on the Tech campus.

Just because “India Club” has the word “India” in it does not mean that every activity remotely associated with India is their responsibility. It is not a practical proposition at all for various reasons. Suggesting otherwise is akin to saying that since Microsoft is a big software company, they should make all the world's software.

It may be a little bewildering for a student to have so many choices when he or she comes to Tech, but ultimately it is a good thing as it enables him or her to make more focused choices and discover his or her passions more easily.

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Around the Campus

What's your favorite coffee shop?



Wei Feng
First-year UEC

“The Caribou Coffee near Lenox.”



Nick Ward
Secibd-year ME

“The Starbucks at Barnes & Noble.”



Marissa Wronka
Third-year PHYS

“The one in the bottom of the CoC.”



Farhana Abdullah
Third-year STaC

“The Borders Cafe on Ponce.”

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YOUR VIEWS LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Homepark loses ride home

Tech in general and GT Transportation in particular have been providing a number of helpful services for the students.

As students, we sincerely acknowledge these services.

The Stingerette Shuttle service especially has been a boon to several graduate as well as undergraduate students. However, recently the Stingerette Services have stopped service to the Homepark area, located to the immediate northwest of the Tech campus.

Generally, it is the case that a service is stopped due to a lack of demand for it. However the situation here is exactly the opposite. Several students, probably a majority from the Home Park area (which has not been very safe in recent times) depend each day on the evening and night shuttle to transport them home safely.

Most of these are international

students and are highly dependent on this service, the absence of which is definitely causing a serious inconvenience.

New services like the Midtown Trolley loop are definitely giving GT students a value for the student fees they pay. At the same time, in our opinion, necessary services should not be discontinued, definitely not without considering the opinion of a major part of the student community that is dependent on these facilities.

It is a humble request to GT and the Transportation administration to consider this matter and make a decision that favors and reflects the opinion of a majority of GT students.

Prashant Jain
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a.m. section, or, dare I mention it, an afternoon section of the class?

It is nearly impossible to accommodate the strange sleep schedule of college students with rigid class scheduling rules. But opening up more options must certainly be a viable alternative.

I find it hard to believe that, for four semesters straight, the only time slot available for the only section offered of a class that everyone in a major is required to take has been 8 a.m.

Just opening up more choices for students can go a long way to helping them fit their class schedule to what is most conducive to their learning needs.

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available, why not schedule that section at a time that is more suitable to a greater number of students?

Something that could suit the schedule of the guy who's up until 1 a.m. working on labs and homework as well as the (possibly mythological) student who enjoys rising with the sun would be more ideal. It would also aid in student-teacher interaction, helping everyone gain more from the class overall.

Of course, if staff and resources permit, the ideal solution would be to at least offer alternatives to the 8 a.m. Why not include a 10 or 11

My 23 favorite math expressions

I am an Ivan Allen liberal arts student to the bone. I know the contours of DM Smith's halls like the back of my computer mouse. The smell of aging books has all but sunk into my marrow. The basic structures of sentences are as familiar to me as basic arithmetic.

But don't let my liberal arts background fool you. Mathematics is a useful and important tool in many aspects of my life.

I did complete college level calculus successfully, and I will display my stunning skills below.

Listed here are my favorite mathematical concepts to show how very much quantification has taught me about life. Behind these variables and digits you will find the universality of the mathematical language, and perhaps even the meaning of life itself (see #18).

1. $E=mc^2$. I don't know exactly how to apply this, but it's a classic.

2. $\ln(e) = 1$. I scored points with my boyfriend last week for knowing this. So ladies and gents: never hurts to know this one, especially on dates.

3. Buy one get one free. No explanation needed.

4. 70% Male + 30% Female = you know the answer to this one. Just think real hard about it.

5. Quadratic. All I remember are lots of a's, b's, and c's—all of which correspond exactly to the grades I would ideally like to obtain here at Tech, if I'm lucky.

6. $\pi \cdot R^2$ = area of a circle and a really dorky way of calculating pizza payments by the slice among your hall mates.

7. Credit Card + College Student = average of \$2,748 debt upon



"I did complete college level calculus successfully, and I will display my stunning skills below."

Alexandra Pajak
Columnist

graduation

8. UFOs and their connection to Stonehenge. (A 22-page mathematical proof that aliens existed. Pamphlet obtained at Little Five. Too complicated to discuss here. Involves some tasteless ravaging of Scharzchild's wormhole theory)

9. Einstein's theory of relativity. As much as you think you know about life, it will never make any sense at all no matter how! @#\$%ing smart you think you are.

10. \$1.75 = Way too much for a subway fare.

11. 3-2-1 Contact = Way cool TV show when you're seven, or 22 and feeling nostalgic.

12. 26 = number of episodes of Nickelodeon's Salute your Shorts.

13. 22 = 22 too many episodes for a bunch of desperate housewives who don't act like moms, wives or normal people in houses.

14. \$6 = someone in the gas business is ripping you off completely.

15. 30. The age I'll never be.

16. Joan Rivers + daughter = end of American society.

17. One retired Supreme Court Justice + one deceased Supreme Court Justice = a sunrise upon the United States or the coming of the apocalypse. Take your pick.

18. 42 = the meaning of life, the

universe and everything. Thanks Douglas Adams, I owe you one.

19. 666. The number people in Rome, Ga. that were fearful to receive on their tickets at the screening of Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ*.

20. 69 hours + 48 minutes = longest time anyone has ever watched television. Also may = sign you need a job and/or ABC is in desperate need for publicity.

21. 15 = the supposed number of minutes between Stinger stops.

22. 15 = the amount of minutes it would take me to walk there myself.

23. 1. The other person you'll love more than anyone. You'll know when you find him/her. I can't plot out the rest for you, sorry, even on x, y, and z-axes.

So there are my favorite equations. I hope I've enlightened you and helped you quantify the world in a way that is orderly, logical, objective and therefore easy to manage.

If anyone learns how to break the space-time continuum and manages to skip class and also attend class simultaneously, please invite me along for the ride. Same goes for the question to the answer of the meaning of life. Also, anyone got spare change for gas?

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Finance professors and investment-savvy students on campus divulge their sacred trading tips for novices. **Page 13**

FALL TENNIS PREVIEW

Get the scoop on the star-studded lineup of both the men's and women's tennis teams this season. **Page 25**



Research, International Plan Fair hits Skiles Walkway

By Inn-Inn Chen
Senior Staff Writer

In the tradition of continual improvement upon the undergraduate programs here at Tech, two new highly-anticipated initiatives have just been introduced.

They include the International Plan and a revamped Undergraduate Research program.

Both of these programs were unveiled at the International Plan and Research Opportunities Fair.

The Fair had opening remarks by Institute President, Dr. Wayne Clough as the keynote speaker, on Sept. 15, at Skiles Walkway.

The International Plan is a new program that is built around the student's intended major with additional requirements focused on international experience and time abroad.

The program does not change the degree requirements for graduation.

Completion of the program is recognized on the transcript and the diploma with an "International Plan" designation after the student's major.

There are several additional requirements for completion of the program.

The first of these is a language requirement, equivalent to two years of college coursework, which is determined by a proficiency test and not seat time.

Additional academic prerequisites are three globally focused courses, one from international relations, one from global economics and another course about a specific country or region of the world that a student decides to focus on.



By Charles Frey / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The International Plan, unveiled at the International Plan and Research Opportunities Fair, Sept. 15 by President Wayne Clough, requires two terms spent abroad in addition to classes with a global focus.

Students are also required to spend two terms or a minimum of 26 weeks total abroad.

This may be fulfilled by either studying abroad or with international work experience through an internship or Co-op.

In addition, there is a capstone course for the program as well as a minimum 2.5 GPA requirement.

Currently, about half of the majors at Tech have an approved template for the International Plan.

Some of the departments that have approved curricula for the Plan include Aerospace Engineering, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Biology, Computing and Architecture.

The remaining majors are in the

process of designing the program and getting it approved by the both the department and Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.

Jack Lohmann, the associate provost for Institute Development says the program is "designed to focus on the global practice of the student's major...it is an immerse plan."

"This [program] is something broader than study abroad...it is a comprehensive package of experiences and coursework that helps a student be globally competent," said Amy Henry from the Office of International Education (OIE).

"I think this program will have a significant effect on the international context and issue of search

and discovery in the classroom," Lohmann said.

"I would characterize it in the same way I would characterize the impact the co-op program has had on the Tech community."

The International Plan program plans to recruit 100 students this first year, 200 the second and over the next five years, increase enrollment to 600 students.

With this pool of students, the goal is to graduate a steady 300 students, per year, from this program.

The Fair also spotlighted Undergraduate Research opportunities available.

A new Undergraduate Research Director will be hired to identify

and coordinate opportunities that already exist and make it easier for students to get involved in the programs.

The other role of the Director would be to work on an upcoming capital campaign to fund and start more research opportunities for students.

There is also a new program called the Research Thesis Option being introduced which would be a more intensive program for students interested in research.

Students who complete this program will also receive a designation on their transcript.

According to Phil McKnight, the Chair of the School of Modern Languages, these two programs are currently being funded from the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP).

The funds total \$5 million which would be split equally between the International Plan and the Undergraduate Research options.

One of Tech's goals is to have 60 percent of students involved in undergraduate research, up from the current 40 percent.

Another goal is to have over half of Tech students have some international experience before graduation, McKnight said.

The money would be used to add to the load of instruction and administration needed to run these programs.

"Both of these programs can be shaped around students' majors but they tend to push students out of those majors and into something bigger, so they grow as individuals," said Institute President Wayne

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Getting help on graduate school applications gets easier

By Swathy Prithivi
Focus Editor

Students looking to apply for graduate school often find themselves up against a brick wall when looking for guidance.

Fear not, for help is at hand.

Dr. Amanda Gable from Academic Affairs has provided answers to many future graduate students' questions ranging from how to apply to different schools to writing successful essays to applying for fellowships and scholarships.

"I like to talk to students as early as they become interested in graduate school and in applying for fellowships," Gable said.

"I think one thing that we're really trying to avoid is a student coming up at the beginning of their senior year and saying, 'I'm really interested in graduate school. I didn't know about all these other opportunities that I could get to expand my undergraduate experience. Now will you tell me what those things are?'" she said.

"Of course you can always get those things in and get to graduate school if you want to and always figure out a way...to make [your] career path to go

the way [you] want it."

"Sometimes you don't know what you want to do until fall of your senior year so I talk to a lot of students who just...figured out that they want to go to graduate school and we talk about the ways in which they can make their application the best they possibly can."

She also advises students to get other experiences to make sure their application is competitive.

What are some valuable resources on Tech's campus overlooked by students?

"The first common mistake is not going to their faculty members. Their faculty members are the people that are going to be their recommenders," Gable said.

"They're the people with a lot of information, actually, the most information about graduate schools in their fields, how they should approach that

"[Applying to graduate schools] is a social process. It's a process of learning more about the field you're getting into...and you're not going to find that out from your roommate."

Amanda Gable
Graduate Advisor

GRE test and also how much it counts in terms of consideration," she said.

"Students can overemphasize the GRE exam to the point of not paying attention to developing relationships with faculty members."

"I think relationships are developed with faculty members by doing well in their classes, taking them for more than one class, doing research with them and talking to them about good graduate schools in a particular field and getting information about those schools."

"Having those conversations

with faculty members are the things you need to do first. You really need to follow up extensively with your faculty."

"Some people are shy about talking to faculty members. Generally I've noticed if students walk into a faculty member's office and say, 'I'm here to get to know you,' that's awkward."

But telling faculty about your career goals and aspirations and asking them for information on suitable graduate programs and research opportunities is a great way to start a relationship with that professor, according to Gable.

"The faculty member automatically gets to know you better and you have a real question that they can answer and give you an opinion about. So, it's easier if you have an agenda. I don't mean agenda in a way that you go in with a hidden motive or something but [rather] that you go in with something specific to talk about. And if you want to go to graduate school, then you've got specific things to talk about."

Other questions to them would be asking if you should

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By Andrew Saulters / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Amanda Gable, a graduate advisor in the Office of the Vice Provost, provides valuable information on the entire application process.

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Clough.
“Tech has this goal to define the technological research for the 21st century and this is part of that definition,” he said.
“It really is about doing something that nobody else is doing and we are taking step we believe others will want to emulate.”
“The idea behind this [program] was we want the students who might

have gone to Stanford or MIT...because we have something they don’t have,” McKnight said.
The new International Program will have a great impact on the School of Modern Languages, McKnight said.
The growth in the school has already been at 78 percent, with over 60 percent of the students, who are declared as engineering majors, taking modern language courses.
“We will prioritize any student who is in the International Plan to

get into the language class that they want,” McKnight said.
The International Plan has been in planning for two years and is a very unique program, being the first of its kind at any American university.
McKnight said he was “very excited and thrilled to have this program in place.”
Currently, OIE will handle all of the administrative tasks related to the International Plan, including receiving applications, answering

student questions, and marketing the program.
The application deadline for the International Plan this year is on October 1.
87 applications have been submitted and 77 students are already enrolled in the program.
Students are encouraged to visit the website and talk to their academic advisors, if they are interested in the program.
“This program really gives you, the student, a chance to focus your

interest to become more intense...and receive credit for it,” Clough said.
The International Plan was designed to help students achieve a higher level of global competence both generally and in their major.
This plan and the Undergraduate Research option are the products of two years of hard work by Institute faculty and staff.
Their hard work has payed off as the Fair was a success with a large student turnout and a lot of faculty-student interaction.



Tech financial experts weigh in on student investing

By Jamal Ashraf
Contributing Writer

Investing may seem like a daunting task. Is it possible to invest on a poor college student's budget? Absolutely.

According to financial experts, investing is definitely an option for a student looking to plan ahead for the future.

"It is always worth investing," said Dr. Narayanan Jayaraman, professor and area coordinator of Finance in the College of Management.

The first step would be to consider how long of a time commitment you are willing to make for a particular investment, according to Akshay Bhushan, Director of Tech's Student Foundations Investments Committee.

"It really depends on what timeline one is looking at," Bhushan said.

"Sure, you may be able to save \$50 a week, but at what point of time will you require this money is

the real question," he said.

Bhushan suggests that an investor should plan on making a commitment in the long-term.

"As a rule of thumb, one should invest in the stock market only if one

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Dr. Narayanan Jayaraman
MGT Professor

has an investment horizon of at least two years if one wants to realize any real gains," he said.

When investing in the long-term, you also have to watch out for the

hype, Jayaraman said.

"If you invest, be a disciplined investor. No rushing in and out at the latest rumor or market dip. Buy a stock or portfolio that you are comfortable to hold for years, not days."

Transaction costs are also something an investor has to take into account before choosing an investment, said Dr. Rajesh Chakrabarti, Assistant Professor of Finance at the College of Management.

"Making a habit of investing is always good, but you have to be mindful of transaction costs," he said.

"Trading frequently and in small amounts is a bad idea, regardless of the security."

"The commissions and brokerage charges will invariably be larger than your expected gains."

Bhushan and Chakrabarti both suggested amassing savings into one lump sum in order to reduce the effect of transaction costs and increase gains from your investment.

"Most stockbrokers charge hefty commissions. One would need to save up a considerable amount to invest in order for this to be worthwhile," Bhushan said.

"Anything less than \$1000 is certainly not worthwhile."

It is possible to purchase partial shares without having to wait around to save money.

"There are services like **sharebuilder.com** which allow one to invest a small fixed amount in shares every month without having to incur large commissions."

"So \$50, four times a month would be an ideal amount," Bhushan said.

Now that you've learned how to invest, what do the experts suggest you invest in?

Dr. Jayaraman suggested that an index fund would be the best way to go and recommended investing in a

broad-based index fund offered by Fidelity or Vanguard.

"For example, S&P 500 index has returned 11 percent annually," Jayaraman said.

"A \$50 investment a month say for 20 years in S&P index fund would translate to \$43,300."

Setting up such an account is relatively simple according to Jayaraman.

"You can let the mutual fund automatically take out the money from your checking account," he said.

"I would suggest stocks, or better still, ETFs (Exchange Traded Funds) that let you invest in a portfolio rather than a single company," Chakrabarti said.

"Discount online brokerages like Ameritrade or E-trade make it cheaper and easy to invest."

"An ideal option for the novice investor would be to save a bulk sum and invest in a mutual fund," Bhushan said.

"This requires additional research as well but removes the responsibility of having to track your own portfolio of companies."

Bhushan said that there are websites online like **Morningstar.com** that list many mutual funds along



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with detailed descriptions, ratings and reviews.

Jayaraman suggested using the "Double Latte Factor" for those having trouble saving cash.

Saving \$10.70 a day that one would normally spend at Starbucks, he said, can yield an investment return (assuming a 10% annual rate of return) of \$300 a month, \$678,146 after 30 years, or even a whopping \$1.8 million after 40 years!

The experts interviewed also had some advice to give on whether one should invest now or later down the road. "Whatever investment one does make, keep in mind that as a college student, one is a lot more risk tolerant as opposed to a retired pensioner living off his/her savings," Bhushan said.

Invest right and before you know it, you'll be vacationing in your private yacht.

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free yearbooks! that's awesome.
everything sucks, always
Greg I'm aware of your secret now.
There is no such thing as gravity. The Earth sucks.
What secret? -Greg
Who is that sexy transfer guy in my security valuations class?
Ahh, transfer students, the 4th year woman's freshman.
I was going to confess my love tonight but she's pulling a half all-nighter writing a paper.
with the still the heart of he who knows not the likes of she
oh sga does it again..
shout out to the king and chandler!!
OMG WE LOVE YOU T3H JARZ!
Every pocket needs a Jarz.
I love the Jarz!
T3h Jarz has the safest bananas this side of campus.
GENERICMAN STRIKES AGAIN! MWAH HA HA HA HA!
Best game EVER - SET. Pattern recogniton rules!
According to William, the rugby team is "open and rugged". That's brilliant man, just brilliant
Real men play whiffleball.
Housing probation doesn't mean housing prohibition.
As an Ex-CS, now MGT major, I don't see why everyone looks down on it.
tulane girls are sexy
I mean, aren't you managing stuff like in strategy games such as Starcraft or Age Of Empires?
yo yo yo. it's friday afternoon and i'm still working on homework
Anyone else hate Mr. Smith of the parking department? He is the worst of the worst.
I don't know what is in the GT Transportation Dept's people minds.
There is only one interpretation for this kind of policy: sacrificing students' life and safety for nothing. GT Transportation De

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go for a thesis or non-thesis option, if should go to school here at Tech or elsewhere, and how graduate work is different from undergraduate.

“These are all questions you can ask to make yourself get in there and talk to them.”

“I think people in a particular profession who enjoy it always like to talk to other people interested in going into that field.”

“The main locations of advice for graduate school would come from central locations like me that deal with this and the faculty that the students are working with”

“There are a lot of other resources on campus – students get to know various staff and people on campus who can listen very well and help students think through their options, actually talk it out and...see if [they are] making sense about [future plans] and goals,” Gable said.

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Amanda Gable
Graduate Advisor

information for students because of the closeness in age and students might feel more comfortable initially when going to talk to that person,”

she said.

Career Services is also a good place to go to for students debating about what they want to do, Gable said.

In addition, there are people in the departments namely writing professionals in several schools an students should talk to those people about their admission statement or fellowship application and the entire process.

Getting first-hand experience in one’s chosen field is also paramount.

Gable has advice for students looking to both graduate and professional schools.

“If you want to be a lawyer, it’s a great idea to try and get an internship in a law firm or in some entity that has some legal issues involved in it.”

“If you want to go to medical school, you need to volunteer in a hospital, you need to be around sick people and see if you like it,” she said.

“If you want to go to gradu-

ate school, get involved in some undergraduate research and see if you like that kind of independent, self-motivating kind of work.”

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Writing statements of purposes and similar autobiographical essays is another important facet of the application process which requires

careful consideration and some professional editing.

“Anytime you are writing a document for someone who wants it for a specific task, it’s a good idea to have a response from someone who’s in a similar position as the person who’s going to be judging your essay.”

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Students need to go out and look for a wide variety of resources to aid them to get into their dream graduate program.

“[Applying to graduate schools] is a social process.”

“It’s a process of learning more about the field you’re getting into and you want to talk to a lot of people because you’re...getting ready to spend a lot of years doing this,” she said.

“Not only do you just want to get in, you also want to learn if this right for you. And you’re not going to find that out from your roommate.”

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catsmear is what you fear, it will arrive, it will come near, i smeared a cat, it smeared right back, got in my eye, i’m gonna die, catsmear

The pink ranger is so hot. Does that bagpipe dude do concerts?

Tech goggles make me lower my standards.

who knew being a TA could be so hard?

I *heart* Tyler

I don’t heart physics 2

Just watch, I’m totally gonna win this semester

I just submitted 5 slivers in a row - is that pathetic?

Midnight Friday night, full moon, evil cloak -- wtf? pure effin evil!!

We want Stingerette back in Centennial Place. We NEED Stingerette back in Centennial Place.

Taylor played good, but better pray Reggie is ok. We need him against Va Tech.

Get Well Reggie!

i want Foosk Man Lad to be my facebook friend.. come back!! i miss you!!!

Bennett and Choice did well last weekend. Get well soon Reggie!

SMUSH it. SMUSH it good. Cool it now

I never see any slivers in the paper.

why don’t the rest of the girls here look like my CA?

oooh riiight...gigity

i don’t like sausage that much who does laundry at 2 in the afternoon???

get in my belly

My roommate is into the amazon girls

Go Women’s volleyball!

I love lamp

Next football upset: See you in the campanile

Georgia Tech vs. Virginia Tech...spread: Tech by 1n e

Woodruff isn’t as co-ed as everyone says it is

irony: Georgia Tech Dining Hall called woodies

hum butta hum butta hum butta hum butta

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Pros, cons: should CRC be part of your routine?



Mate Nagy, a Chemistry Ph.D. student, is hard at work in the CRC.

By Uzma Ansari
Contributing Writer

A quick browse through the Campus Recreation Center (CRC) followed by a random stroll through the library reveals two main species of Tech students: those that work out and those that don't.

From the habitual CRC ballers to those who spend 20 plus hours a day gaming, studying or watching TV, there exists an almost polar distribution of health consciousness here at Tech.

Regardless of the known benefits of regular exercise, many students just don't care about it.

On the other hand, there are those students who make CRC

visits an essential part of their daily routine.

So what makes some students CRC addicts and others proverbial couch potatoes?

Two Tech students, each representing a different side of the spectrum, were asked their opinions on exercise, motivation and candy.

The Gym Addict

Anonymous Fourth-year Biology major/ Buff CRC Stud

Do you exercise often?

...Pretty often. I try to get in a good three to four times a week.

Why do people go to the CRC (other than health benefits)?

Going to the gym makes you sexy. Sexy people get laid. Transitive property says? Going to the gym will get you laid. Eventually.

What keeps others from going to the CRC?

Their sex drive is not as high as their desire to keep HOPE.

Why the heck are there candy bars in the CRC vending machines?

Candy is a tangible temptation. The vending machines mock you with their transparent glass, all the moist, chewy goodness that you can't have...Damn the machines.

Why do you keep going back?

Eye candy.

Don't you ever get tired of working out...I mean wouldn't you have more fun sitting around watching *Buffy* reruns?

Hey, *Buffy*'s cool and all, but yet again, it's about the sex. And there ain't no possible way I'm gettin' with *Buffy*!

What would you say to people who refuse to work out or hate going to the CRC?

No sex for you, tubby!

The Couch Potato

Anonymous Fourth-year MGT major/ Too Cool to Break a Sweat

Do you exercise often?

People say they exercise because it makes them feel good. Well, my couch makes me feel good. And so does the extra five to 10 hours per week that I spend eating, sleeping...and not going to the gym

Looking forward to heart disease, then?

There are people who run and yet still smoke cigarettes. So if these people are trying to ensure a healthy heart, they're trading it in for lung cancer or Emphysema. I'm just keeping it real.

Why do people go to the gym?

Maybe they're trying to pick up a man...that's why I would go. They must be single.

Have you even seen the CRC? The inside?

Have you ever thought of going to the gym just to eat candy bars in front of people working out?

No, but I've thought about turning up the speed really fast upto 50 notches [on the treadmills] by slipping in when someone takes a break and seeing them totally falling on their face.

It will probably leave a mark and hurt quite a bit and cause a lot of embarrassment but in the end, it's all for a good laugh.

Any words to gym buffs that work out daily? Are they crazy?

Nothing. I have no doubts he is a lot bigger than me.



Eric Yesbick, a Computer Science major, keeps himself entertained by the charms of Comedy Central on television in his dorm room.

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BRAND NEW COMIC

Welcome our new 'Nique comic strip, which should be entertaining during those boring Friday classes. Page 18

SOCCER STARTS STRONG

Tech's soccer team has won its first game and is poised for a great season this year. Page 26

Happy Tree Friends kill, maim as usual

By Eldon Stegall
Contributing Writer

Before the slaughter begins, one fact about *Happy Tree Friends* must be made clear. At Tech, where flash movies fly across the campus more often than birds, and "WTF, mate?" has long been a part of the vernacular, animated shorts featuring the *Happy Tree Friends* (hereafter referred to as *HTF*) are far from new, and their new DVD, *Overkill*, is more of the same, not that that's necessarily a bad thing.

Seniors fondly reminisce of the first time they saw "Eye Candy" or "Spin Fun Knowin' Ya" in freshman dorms with a laugh and a grimace. How could it be otherwise for a series that seems to combine the best parts of kitschy animation, tongue-in-cheek innocence and more gore than your average Sam Raimi movie?

It seems that, despite all attempts at good taste and the maintenance of social norms, *HTF* has amassed quite a following, and, though it fails completely to stimulate on any kind of intellectual level, its morbid appeal calls to anyone who ever drove across town just to see the day's worst car accident.

Whether you share this fascination with dismemberment or not,

HTF is probably worth checking out. Their website, <http://www.happytreefriends.com>, gives you a sampling of the wonderful gore that these twisted minds came up with. Be warned, though, this stuff is not by any stretch of the imagination for the faint of heart or for the easily offended.

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Each episode is three to four minutes long and features childlike characters such as Cuddles the bunny, Nutty, the rabid, sugar-addicted squirrel, and Flippy, the bear Vietnam War vet with kindness in his heart and murder in his eyes.

The writers were wise enough to see that dialogue detracts from the fun of pure, unadulterated violence, so the extent of communication is childlike babbling. However, in order to fulfill their commitment to some modicum of actual thought, they have provided helpful quips such as "Smiles are always free!" and "Don't forget to floss!" at the end of each episode, following the credits that are almost as lengthy as the film itself.

Despite its notable setbacks, *Happy Tree Friends* is refreshing in its sometimes-realistic approach to pain and death. Had Wile E. Coyote been a Happy Tree Friend, we can be comfortably assured that the



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The Happy Tree Friends go for a lovely wagon ride, which, like all of their adventures, goes wrong in an epically violent sort of way.

first stick of dynamite would have been more than enough to merit a closed-casket funeral.

In fact, *HTF* shows why it is perhaps not the best idea to have a campfire in your wooden tree house, or hang your head out of the window of the school bus, and plays the modern counterpart to the old-style fairy tales of the Brothers Grimm, which showed naughty children just what happened if they wandered too deep into the forest.

It must be granted that the likelihood of actually encountering any

of the situations that the Friends encounter is not high by any measure, but for entertainment's sake, it's no more of a stretch of the imagination than, say, talking meatballs, fries or shakes.

There are few more culturally universal symbols than cartoons, and the creators of *HTF* are just the newest couple of guys to realize it.

In a world where Mickey Mouse is more universally recognizable than most world leaders, it doesn't

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All's fair at the county fair

Tonight and tomorrow, take a break from crazy city life and head out to the Gwinnett County Fair. With a carnival, arts and crafts, livestock and all of the other stuff that goes along with a county fair, it's a good, cheap way to get away for awhile. General admission is \$5; \$2 for seniors and children ages six to 12 and children under five are admitted free. For more information, visit www.gwinnettcountyfair.com.

Rock out at Atlanta Rockfest

Tonight at the Roxy, rock bands Cracker, Hot Young Priest and The Trust will be performing at the 2005 Atlanta Rockfest. This all ages show costs \$20 to get in the door, and proceeds from ticket sales go to the Starlight Starbright Children's Foundation. So if you've got an extra Andrew Jackson lying around and are into any of these bands, the doors open at 7 p.m. and the music starts at 8 p.m.

Coldplay coming to Philips Arena

On Wednesday, Sept. 28, Coldplay will be playing a show at Philips Arena with guest Rilo Kiley. Tickets cost from \$38 to \$61 and the show starts at 7:30 p.m. Come on by and maybe you can get a good look at Gwyneth Paltrow looking on from the wings, you sad little fanboys, you.

Prettyman plays okay



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Tristan Prettyman turns out a solid, but uninspired album in the form of her debut, *twentythree*, from Virgin Records.

By Margaret Ricks
Contributing Writer

Tristan Prettyman's debut CD, *twentythree*, is an average CD. It has beautiful vocals, well-written lyrics and good music. There isn't any doubt that Tristan Prettyman is talented. She writes, sings and plays all of the songs on her CD. Still, it's hard to rave about *twentythree*. She goes for a real, original sound, and she succeeds fairly well. Her music captures everyday emotions in an appealing way. But is the album really all that original? Not so much.

The CD has a mellow, folksy sound that brings to mind the styles of Jewel or Sheryl Crow. It's a good style, but it feels like it's been done, and *twentythree* can never quite break away into something new.

Prettyman is a new artist and you get the feeling that she probably has the potential to do better. It doesn't seem like she's really trying to stand out or make a statement. She is just doing what she knows she can do: write well and sing simple, pretty songs. In this CD, she's playing it

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Every Time rocks Masquerade

By Jennifer Allen
Contributing Writer

Heaven or Hell? You have 10 seconds to choose which section of the club to go to before the guy behind you has a conniption fit because you're indecisive.

This was the option that the Masquerade was offering for music fans on Friday night. Heaven was hosting Every Time I Die, while Hell had Spill Canvas.

My trip started off in Hell with the Spill Canvas tour while waiting for the so-called main act of Every Time I Die. The first band to play in Hell was a band from Maryland called Thin Dark Line. The music was not bad, but what really made the show was the personality of the lead singer Bryan.

He engaged the crowd wonderfully and made them part of the show. Since they were the opener they didn't play for long, but what they did play definitely had feeling behind it.

These guys are going to go places, and with the upcoming release of their record on Oct. 25, things might just start clicking for this band.

The next band to play was Mashlin. There really isn't anything to tell you about them, because they were so boring that I decided to go get a beer to try and drown out the whining vocals of the lead singer.



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Every Time I Die cruises around in a red convertible showcasing their extensive collection of tattoos and sweet sunglasses.

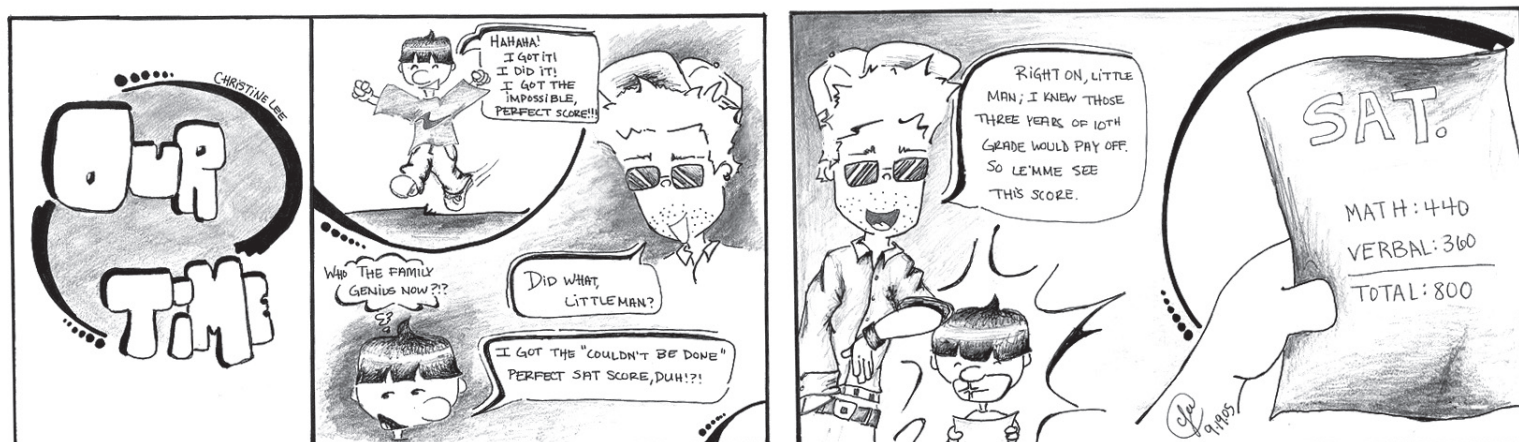
Two drinks and several minutes of wishing that I was hearing-impaired later, Mashlin was finally over.

By the time Mashlin was finished it was time for Every Time I Die to start playing. So I took full advantage of my "get out of Hell" card and took a short trip up the stairs

to Heaven.

This was where the party was at. To tell you the truth the Masquerade has never seemed so full of people. Usually there is some space near the back where the merchandise is sold,

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Original
Comic
Strip

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Journey is better than 3/4ths of modern music.

Vegetarians are idiots. Although I guess they drive down the price of meat for those of us with some sense.

the stingerette won't take me to the cheeta anymore! BOOO

It should be legal to punch hippies and metrosexuals in the stomach.

and after they are punched they must say "Thanks, I needed that"

The girls will put their breasts away for the winter soon. What am I supposed to stare at in class now?

Max needs to lose some weight, this is getting ridiculous.

Get well soon Reggie, we need you!

IN YOUR FACE PARKING OFFICE! got my 50\$ ticket reduced to 10\$.

Of course that's 10\$ more than I'd like to pay, but that's 40\$ parking doesn't get.

And I'm probably going to take revenge on some of the parking deck gates.

Alcohol is part of college life, stop fighting it and accept it.

You should be allowed to kick saturns whenever you feel like it. They don't dent, no harm no foul.

No dudes in the flag corps this year, we almost look like a respectable southern school

Can I have my diploma already?

the stinger route should go wherever I want it to .

The last panel of slivers were all mine. I AM THE SLIVER KING!

You know, you can communicate more effectively with Sea Monkeys than you can with some of these professors.

The girl next to me takes a lot of notes, I write a lot of slivers.

Don't you love that time of the semester when all of your profs conspire to have a test at the same time?

SHABADO

CS makes me want to get drunk every night.

If you have a bike, RIDE IT! If you don't, I will!

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but this time there wasn't. The place was packed with people there to see Every Time I Die.

They weren't just any old fans either. They were the die-hard fans that cheered madly when the band's banner was raised five minutes before the band even came on.

After the band took the stage, all hell broke lose in Heaven.

The crowd was the most amazing part. They were singing along to every word. There were points where the singer was inaudible because of all the people singing around me.

While the tame part of the crowd was near the back where I was, all the action was up front where bodies were flying left and right. You would be watching the band and suddenly some random person would be launched from the middle of the crowd. Most made it to crowd-surfing, but there were the also the unfortunate few who you just saw go up and then back down.

Every Time I Die was amazing as well. The stage set-up made one feel even more attached to the music. The lights were awesome, going from red to green and back to red. The band was all over the stage, getting close to the crowd and having them sing into the microphone.

While Every Time I Die put on a great show, Heaven got a little hot, so when the set was over I gladly traded in my wings for horns and a tail to catch the end of Spill Canvas.

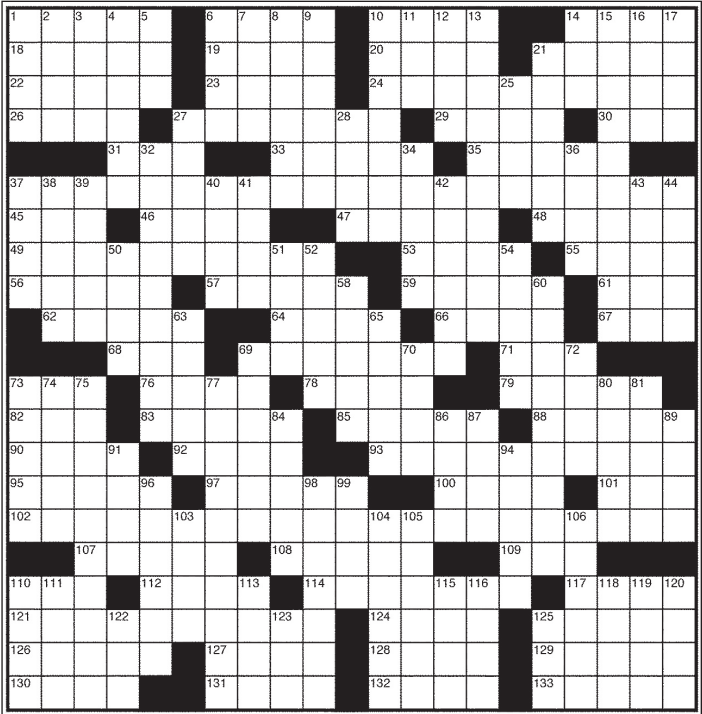
All in all it was a good set up, two shows that people could go between (even though you weren't supposed to) to catch different types of music. It really forces the question. Do I want to go to Heaven or do I want to go to Hell?

By Robert Zimmerman
United Features Syndicate

ACROSS

- 1. Start of a quip by Josh Billings
- 6. — hoc
- 10. East Asian weight
- 14. Kind of lift for skiers: hyph.
- 18. Refuge
- 19. Winglike structures
- 20. City in Hawaii
- 21. Cut
- 22. A fire sign
- 23. Go — the flow
- 24. Editor's correction
- 26. Pipe joint
- 27. Construction worker
- 29. Golden- —
- 30. Dir. Letters
- 31. Abbr. in gazetteers
- 33. Prevails uncontrolled
- 35. Jargon
- 37. Part 2 of quip: 6 wds.
- 45. Kind of fever
- 46. Song
- 47. French composer
- 48. Jagged, as a leaf
- 49. Stress-induced hormone
- 53. Made a hole-in-one
- 55. Grampus
- 56. Harasses
- 57. Essays
- 59. Whoop it up
- 61. Barrel plug

- 62. Prepare
- 64. Mardi —
- 66. River in Russia
- 67. Time periods: abbr.
- 68. — — fault
- 69. Part 3 of quip: 2 wds.
- 71. — and outs
- 73. Young socialite
- 76. Command from a horseman
- 78. Toledo's waters
- 79. Decree
- 82. Peak on Crete
- 83. With magnanimity
- 85. Greek goddess
- 88. Initiate
- 90. Chill
- 92. Bone: prefix
- 93. Hired killer
- 95. Rock bottom
- 97. Tutor
- 100. — Lisa
- 101. Zsa Zsa's sister
- 102. Part 4 of quip: 4 wds.
- 107. "Kosher"
- 108. Transition smoothly
- 109. Corral
- 110. Main
- 112. Rudimentary body
- 114. Inactive at present
- 117. Gentlewoman
- 121. Having three armlike parts
- 124. Betting game
- 125. Fiery crime
- 126. Correspond
- 127. Sept
- 128. Organic compound
- 129. — -Goldwyn-Mayer
- 130. Proceeds
- 131. Dispatched
- 132. Flintstones' pet
- 133. End of the quip
- DOWN
- 1. Warm spell
- 2. Relative of the pika
- 3. Harmful
- 4. Do a publishing job
- 5. Naval rank: abbr.
- 6. Hinged catch
- 7. Mishmash
- 8. Zen enlightenment
- 9. Capital near the Caspian
- 10. Hungarian Queen Maria —
- 11. Point
- 12. Zeno of —
- 13. Like some shirts: 2 wds.
- 14. Make lacework
- 15. Bear: 2 wds.
- 16. River in England
- 17. Painter — Magritte
- 21. Bottle
- 25. Food-to-go shop
- 27. Vegetation
- 28. Custard ingredient
- 32. Soft cotton fabric
- 34. Fretted instrument
- 36. Fifth Roman emperor
- 37. Captain of fiction
- 38. Law-enforcement tool
- 39. Lofty nest
- 40. Pitch
- 41. Hippie musical
- 42. — Creed
- 43. Songwriter — Hammerstein
- 44. Does a farm job
- 50. Coup d'—
- 51. Close
- 52. Uncanny
- 54. Eau- —
- 58. Montmartre's Coeur
- 60. Picture
- 63. Boorish one
- 65. County cousin
- 69. Mitty or Matthau
- 70. Sport
- 72. Wife of Rama
- 73. Roman goddess
- 74. Mystery writing award
- 75. "Flowers of Evil" poet
- 77. Medical specialty
- 80. — -cornered
- 81. Valuable find
- 84. Irish poet
- 86. Press down on
- 87. Repute
- 89. Type of British jazz
- 91. German article
- 94. Bumbling
- 96. Cousin to dancehall
- 98. Believing
- 99. Great French writer
- 103. Competed
- 104. Lay in wait
- 105. Aden native
- 106. — Lloyd Webber
- 110. Deer
- 111. Accordingly
- 113. Mister
- 115. Before long
- 116. — contendere
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take a genius to realize that merchandising is where the money is. And thus comes the call to review *HTF* in preparation for the release of *Overkill*.

The set includes episodes not released on the website, as well as special features like interaction with the characters via “Smoochies” and holiday-specific shorts. While the episodes released on the web

will probably satisfy the curious investigator, if one simply cannot quench one’s bloodlust, the box set makes it easy to continue discovering more ways for cute, furry animals to die.

Though hardly a collection of great art to be appreciated through the ages, *Happy Tree Friends* is a must see for fans of either expertly done flash animations or just expertly rendered cute little bunnies having their faces ripped off by other cute little animals of all stripes.

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safe. She sums it up herself perfectly on her blog saying, “It wasn’t supposed to be something amazing and ground-breaking, it wasn’t a birth or a death but more like something in between. I don’t think it sucks.”

All told, it’s a solid album, but she isn’t going to make a name for herself just by beating the bell-curve.

Tristan Prettyman will be at the Variety Playhouse on Sept. 7.

Bad Boys of Comedy in Atlanta

The Bad Boys of Comedy tour is making its stop in Atlanta tonight at the Civic Center. Featuring comedians Malik, Ronnie Jordan, Will E. Robo, Chris Thomas and Howie Bell, the tour is bringing the hit HBO comedy series to the live stage. The show starts at 8 p.m. and ticket prices range from \$35 to \$50.

Brit brothers to bicker at HiFi

Everyone’s favorite angry brother band, Oasis, will be playing at HiFi Buys Amphitheatre on Tues., Sept. 27 at 7 p.m. Come see the brothers Gallagher as they play songs from their latest album. General admission tickets cost \$25 and assigned seating costs between \$34.50 and \$49.50.

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Two Bits

Two Bits Man ponders how to get off campus without a car, whores out his math skills, refuses to brave MARTA

It's been awhile since I've been a freshman, so to be honest, I don't know if this policy even still exists, but when I was a young and naïve, they wouldn't let first quarter (yeah, I said quarter, not semester, just to give you an idea of my age) freshmen park on campus. So, I'm assuming that's still true.

By now, the spry 18-year-olds among you must be desperately looking for ways to get off campus. After all, there are only so many Freshman Experience functions that the Stinger can take you to before you go mad.

So, with that in mind, I want to help you discover clever ways to enjoy life off campus.

By now, you've probably tried using MARTA, but you've found that it's both easier and much

less likely to result in your own untimely demise to sell your personal belongings in order to pay for a cab. So, you need to think about ways to make your personal belongings desirable to the riffraff around town. Consider advertising techniques popularized by eBay.

That underwear that you outgrew isn't old. It's vintage. Nevermind the fact that your girlfriend told you she's leaving if you don't get rid of them. Personally, I suggest that you put them on the dynamic duo of eBay and Craigslist, because you need to market as well as you can.

If taking a cab is not

your style or if you just don't have anything that anyone in their right mind would actually want to buy, another clever means of transport in Atlanta is hitchhiking.

Conventional wisdom has always suggested that you want to be kind to your would be driver or, failing that, kill them and dump their body in a shallow grave. Whatever works for you.

Some people offer to split the cost of gasoline with their benefactor, but in these tough times, the gas to get from Tech to Kroger will cost you about \$93, an arm, a leg, a firstborn son and any number of other cliches indicating a very great price. So screw that.

Personally, I suggest you get yourself a nice piece of corrugated cardboard and a Sharpie and write, "Will do integral calculus for a ride."

Ideally, a friendly suburbanite housewife in a luxury SUV will stop on the corner and say, "You know, I have always wanted to calculate the volume of a paraboloid. Could you help?" Also part of the ideal outcome is when the housewife turns out to be desperately in need of companionship and the whole affair culminates in a letter to *Penthouse* beginning with "I never thought this could ever happen to me."

Another trick you may try is making friends with upperclass-

men. In high school, the idea of a freshman talking to a senior was wholly preposterous, but at Tech, it happens all the time.

There's always some senior who neglected to take a freshman class they needed when they were a freshman. For me, that class was Biology II. Somehow, I let it slip through years of co-opting and double-majoring, and by the time I took

it, I was more than a quarter of a century old.

To really add a surreal aspect to my experience, my lab partner was a freshman who had skipped a grade in high school. I had some grey hairs, and she was too young to shop at Inserction.

But the point stands. Had she needed a lift somewhere, I would have provided it, because that's what friendly upperclassmen do, and then I would have been the object of the 'Nique staff's statutory rape jokes. I swear, you interview for one engineering position at a sex toy manufacturer, and you're marked for life.

Of course, this is an engineering school. There's no need to even use a car if you don't want to.

If you post to a newsgroup here, you should be able to borrow someone's nuclear powered skate-

board. Just be sure to wear your lead trousers, because they might just come in handy when you want to sire the child who leads the resistance against our nuclear powered skateboard overlords.

The Two Bits Man, for one, is planning on fathering the next John Connor some day, but I never had to worry about my trousers, because I used the next idea.

If you have that not-so-shiny, not-so-new car that your parents gave you when you turned sixteen, you can always park it at the hotel down the street. If you think that the rate Tech charges folks to park is extortion, you should try parking at the hotel down the street.

I think it would probably have been cheaper to just rent a car whenever I needed to go somewhere, but I loved that car—well, I loved that car until I was stranded on North

Avenue and had to let gravity roll it backwards 50 feet at a time until I rolled it onto GSU's campus housing, but I digress.

I loved that car the same way every superhero loves his arch-nemesis.

In short, if you're a freshman, there are lots of good ways to get away from campus, but no matter what, you need to get away from time to time.

If you don't, you'll actually start to think that Britain is how food should taste, and no one deserves to have that diseased worldview forced upon them.

Until next time, this is the Two Bits Man hoping that you have an escape plan in action.



Volleyball drops two games in Athens, falls to 3-5 this season

By Asif Heerji
Contributing Writer

After starting out 3-3 the young Jacket volleyball team traveled to Athens to participate in the Georgia Invitational, the final tournament before they begin conference play next week.

The Jackets first faced Michigan, who beat the Jackets 30-25, 30-16, 30-16 Saturday night.

Head Coach Bond Shymansky moved sophomore Ulrike Stegemann from her normal middle blocker position to the right side. Sophomore Nikki Kaminskas and freshman Callie Miller filled the middle blocker position.

"I'm passing now and I have to block another position, so everything's different now. It's fun. It's a new challenge for me," Stegemann said about moving to the right side.

"When I played middle, I only had to jump out and close the block. Now I have to set it up. If I don't set it up, the middle can't close and it will be a bad block."

Freshman setter Allie Niekamp saw her first action of her Tech career against Michigan when senior setter Lindsey Laband went down in game two of the match holding her stomach in obvious pain.

Niekamp picked up two kills and committed one error in five total attempts, giving her a .200 hitting percentage. She also added 11 set assists and contributed one block assist as well.

"Allie [Niekamp] is very capable. I think with more and more experi-

ence, ultimately she is going to be our setter. If that time is now, then Allie will need to rise to the challenge and become a leader out there on the court as the setter. That's what she's here to do and that's what we are preparing her to do. The time is now for her to do it," Shymansky said.

Tech struggled against Michigan and committed 29 errors in the match. The team's hitting percentage was just .019. In game two of the match the Jackets posted a negative hitting percentage of -.056.

Stegemann led the team with nine kills and a .227 hitting percentage. On defense Jennifer Randall had 14 digs.

Sunday afternoon the Jackets tried to rebound against rival Georgia, against whom the Jackets had not lost since 1997. But the Bulldogs won in three games 30-27, 30-21, 30-23 as the Jackets dropped to 3-5 on the season.

"I think the biggest thing is everyone gave effort tonight. We were on the ground after balls, and we were covering. We just put it all on the floor tonight. We didn't have the outcome or the consistency that we wanted to have, but...we can build from that," Niekamp said.

Tech struggled with errors against Georgia. The Jackets committed 29 errors, which led to a .122 hitting percentage.

Last season Tech opened the season with a 2-5 mark before they earned 21 consecutive wins, including a perfect 16-0 conference regular season. Tonight the Jackets open up conference play against Wake Forest at O'Keefe Gymnasium at 7 p.m.

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if the run was there he's supposed to call the run. They gave him the pass, and he took it," head coach Chan Gailey said.

Bennett remained humble about his first success.

"I just tried to go out there and win the game," Bennett said. "I don't pay attention to stats. Wins and losses—those are the only important stats to me."

Senior P.J. Daniels gave Bennett some pre-game advice.

"All I told him was that it was his game, and to go out and have fun," Daniels said. "I knew he was ready. That's the thing about our team. We have a good time and we enjoy ourselves. We come out here and give it 100 percent."

Tashard Choice rushed for 89 yards and two touchdowns, complementing Daniels' fourth-straight 100-yard rushing game.

"We just come out and pound, pound, pound. That's what Coach Gailey likes doing and I don't think we are going to stop doing that at all," Daniels said.

The first quarter was the most successful for the Huskies, who scored all 13 points then. A bad long snap for the Jackets set up UConn's only touchdown of the game.

With Tech up by one point after

a quarter of play, the Jackets looked to extend the lead going into the half, which they did off of an early Tashard Choice rushing touchdown from three yards out. Tech was up 21-13 at the half. Choice would add a score late in the third quarter to seal the deal for the Jackets.

For the Jackets the second half marked the best defensive half of the season in terms of first downs allowed.

"We didn't allow any first downs in the second half. That's pretty impressive. It was a great job by the defense. They only gave up a couple of big runs and other than that they really didn't give up much else," Gailey said.

"We're not giving up as many big plays, we're not having the mental errors, and we are tackling better," said linebacker Gerris Wilkin-

son, who leads the team in tackles with 26 so far this season. "If you can rattle the quarterback, you put yourself in a good position. The competition is going to get a lot stiffer as the season goes on, so hopefully we can continue to build on this week."

Huskie quarterback Matt Bonislowski threw for a mere 67 yards on seven of 25 passing and had three interceptions and no touchdowns.

The Jackets look to continue their unblemished season at Blacksburg, Va. against No. 4 Virginia Tech tomorrow at 3:30 p.m.

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mer, some girls haven't played that much, some have, so [the important thing is] to get back in the swing of things and get a couple matches under our belts."

Any discussion of the Jackets probably begins with Kristi Miller, who is ranked No. 8 in the nation. Last year as a freshman, she earned All-American honors, which was a team first. She also won ACC Rookie of the Year and finished in the top 16 at the NCAA singles championship.

Perhaps the highlight of her career thus far came last month when she competed in a professional Grand Slam event, the U.S. Open. Miller played in doubles competition and teamed with Megan Bradley, who was Miami's No. 1 player last year.

Junior Alison Silverio accumulated a 30-10 record in singles competition last year. Silverio comes into this season ranked No. 106 in the nation.

Anderson ranks No. 103 in the singles rankings. She is the school's all-time leader in career winning percentage, posting a 47-21 mark (.691) over her three-year career.

Kacie Anson and Lyndsay Shosho are the two other returning seniors. Mississippi State transfer Tarryn Rudman is another extremely talented player, ranking No. 104 in the nation.

Whitney McCray rounds out the lineup. After not seeing much action last year, the former high school standout will add further depth to the team this season.

The team has more than just talent on their side, though. Anderson points out that team chemistry is a main strength.

Tennis uses fall season to improve for spring



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Senior Lyndsay Shosho lost in a third-set tie breaker to Caroline Basu in the first round of the Thomasville Collegiate Invitational.

Women see national championship as an attainable goal in the spring

By Neil Paine
Contributing Writer

The women's tennis team learned what it was like to be in the thick of a national championship race last season. This season their goal is to win one.

They boast four players ranked in the first official Intercollegiate Tennis Association rankings of the season.

"We all want to prove that we weren't a one-time wonder," senior

Kelly Anderson said. "We're looking forward [to the fall], and we feel that it will be a good time to prove ourselves again."

The fall season is geared more toward individual play than the spring, when NCAA team competition begins.

"The fall is pretty much an individual season," Anderson said. "I think the main thing is to get in a lot of matches. Coming off the sum-

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Maturing men's team looks to improve on last season

By Neil Paine
Contributing Writer

Members of the Tech men's tennis team started their fall season this past weekend at the Crimson Tide Invitational in Tuscaloosa, Ala. and the Thomasville Collegiate Invitational tournaments.

The fall season is all about honing one's game in preparation for the spring season, which is when team competition takes place.

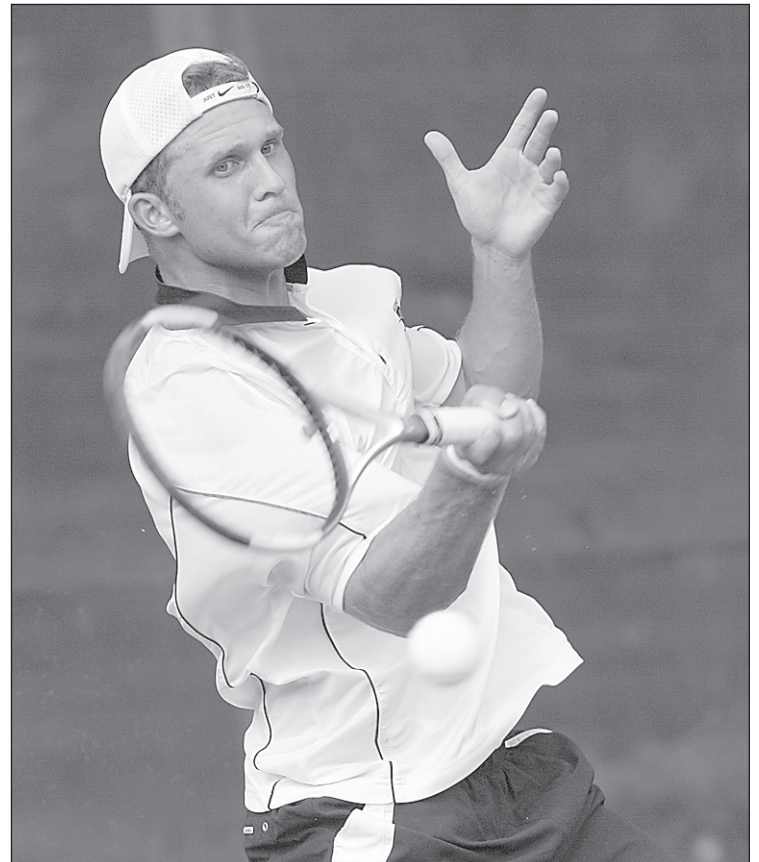
"The main idea for the fall is to get as many matches in as we can," senior Marko Rajevac said. "We want to get experience for the spring, because [the fall] is really the only chance we have to get together and work hard. We want to make sure that when January comes around, we're all ready and [we] have that experience under our belt."

Rajevac is a fourth-year player and Yugoslavian native and will be one of the cornerstones of this year's team. He owns one of the most intimidating serves in the ACC. In singles matches last year Rajevac won 23 of 13.

Rajevac teams with sophomore David North. The two quickly became one of the NCAA's most formidable doubles pairs last year, racking up a 17-10 record together and earning entry into the national quarterfinals, something no Tech duo had accomplished since 1966.

But neither Rajevac nor North was Tech's best singles player last season. That mantle fell squarely on the shoulders of Jose Muguruza, now a junior. An All-ACC selection last year, Muguruza won 28 singles matches and finished the year ranked No. 26 in the nation.

Junior Zachary Rath and sophomore Scott Blackmon also return to the team. The two were paired



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Sophomore David North opened his season at the Thomasville, Ga. tournament. Players use the fall season to improve their games.

in doubles late last spring and played extremely well and were a large part in the team's late-season turnaround.

Both, however, were inconsistent singles players. Each could use this fall season to improve their singles game.

Two sophomores, George Gvlesiani and Jordan Delass, complete the roster, and both were good singles players a year ago. Delass played in fewer matches, but compiled an impressive 16-8 record when he did play. Both were very highly touted

recruits two years ago and have a lot of potential to move into the starting lineup this season.

This year's team should build off their play from last year, and could mature to a dominant force in the ACC.

"We're definitely trying to do better than we have in previous years," Rajevac said. "We have a really, really good chance to do a very good job this year."

This weekend the team plays in the University of Georgia's fall tournament.

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Men's soccer looks to repeat as conference champs



By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The men's soccer club beat Mercer 7-0 to open up their 2005 fall season. The club looks to repeat as Southeastern Collegiate Soccer League champions and make a run for the national championship.

By William Bretherton
Contributing Writer

This past weekend the Tech men's club soccer team defeated Mercer 7-0 in the away game. Kevin Koushel, Luc Castera and Dominik Schmid each scored two goals and Don Pottinger scored one goal.

Castera's goal was an impressive performance as he dribbled through five defenders on his way to the goal.

Tech dominated the entire game, as Mercer only had one shot on goal for the entire match.

Tech moves to 1-0 on the season going in to this weekend's University of Florida tournament. The soccer club won this event last year and they look to repeat as champions.

The next game after the tournament is Sept. 30 when the Jackets play in Athens against UGA.

The club has a lot to live up to from last season. A year ago the Jackets finished first in the Southeastern Collegiate Soccer League (SCSL) and made an appearance in the NIRSA national tournament.

They advanced to the Sweet 16 before falling to Texas A&M,

who went on to win the national championship.

"We expect to get to the national championship this season in Tuscaloosa," said head coach Jason Daley, who also plays as a forward on the team.

In season play, the Jackets compete in the Southeast Division of the SCSL along with Auburn, Georgia Southern, Georgia College & State University and Mercer.

Twenty schools total compete in the SCSL, including Alabama, Georgia, Vanderbilt, Kentucky and Mississippi State, among others.

Tech has won the SCSL regular season title two years in a row and is looking to repeat again.

Last year in the SCSL championship, the Tech club beat Southern Polytechnic State 4-0, Tennessee 3-0, Mississippi State 8-0 and Vanderbilt 3-1.

The key players on this year's team are Schmid, Castera, Brian Jones and Evan Wolfe. Most of the players on the team have played high school or top youth league soccer for many years and look to continue their success from those levels.

"There is not much difference between the stars on the team and the bench players," Schmid said.

Schmid scored 30 goals last season as a forward, and he will attempt to match that performance this season.

Schmid also was the leading scorer for Tech in the SCSL championship games. He scored seven goals in the four games.

Schmid is a graduate student from Germany. He graduated from the University of Munich with a degree in mathematics, the same subject he is studying at Tech.

This is Schmid's third semester playing as forward for Tech. In Germany he started playing soccer for a traveling club team when he was 14 years old.

He chose to come to Tech because of an exchange program through the University of Munich and plans on

returning after his graduate studies are completed.

"Soccer is the number one sport in Germany. The speed of the game is higher for the club sports there than it is for the equivalent here in the United States," Schmid said.

This is one of the differences between life in Germany as a soccer player and the U.S. There are also differences in life as a college student.

For example many students in the U.S. live on campus while going to school. In Germany the universities do not have any housing. After class is over, students return to their homes off campus.

Daley, a forward who is also the head coach, initially had no interest in coming to Tech because he was pursuing a soccer scholarship while at Starr's Mill High School. But after he blew out his knee his senior

year of high school, he was not offered any scholarship.

Daley began playing on traveling teams at the age of nine. One of his teams, the AFC Lightning, won two state championships. At Starr's Mill his team won one state championship.

The soccer team will host its first home game Oct. 30 against the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga. UTC is also a member of the SCSL. The only other home game is against Georgia on Nov. 6.

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Dominik Schmid
Forward from Germany



VIRGINIA TECH (3-0) VS. GEORGIA TECH (3-0)

By William Bretherton
Contributing Writer



Virginia Tech is 3-0, coming off wins against N.C. State, Duke and Ohio. The Hokies have won their last two games by a combined score of 90-0. Look for Virginia Tech's defense to use multiple blitz packages, especially if Taylor Bennett is in the game. The Hokie offense will look to establish the running game early in much the same way they did a year ago.

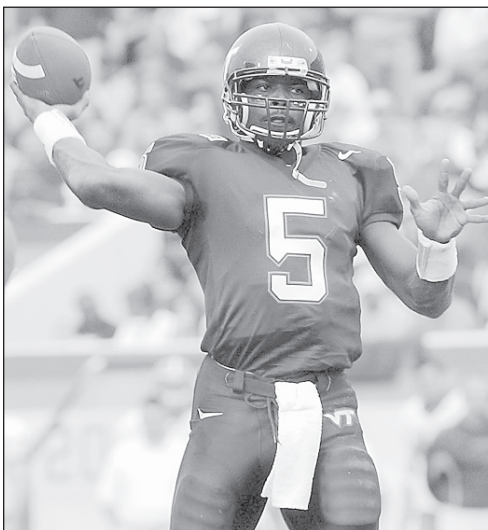
Junior quarterback Marcus Vick is a mobile passer. He's completed 34 of 56 passes and thrown just one interception.

The Hokies will be looking to defeat the Jackets on the way to possible ACC and national championship game appearances.

"You've got to prepare for everything—for option, for him running it, for him scrambling, for him throwing it. He's a dangerous football player."

Chan Gailey

Speaking about Marcus Vick



Four Key Questions

• **If Reggie Ball doesn't play, will redshirt freshman Taylor Bennett lead the Jacket offense to success against the Virginia Tech defense?**

Bennett started in place of Ball against UConn last week and helped the Jackets to a 28-13 victory. Bennett completed 11 of 30 passes for 142 yards and threw no interceptions, but this week he would face a much tougher Virginia Tech defense that has not allowed a single point in the past two games. Taylor will need to adjust to the Hokie defensive schemes and be a more consistent passer to be successful. In order to help with the offensive game plan, the Jackets will turn to P.J. Daniels and Tashard Choice for rushing support. In last week's game against UConn, Daniels and Choice combined for 203 rushing yards and two touchdowns.

• **Will the Jacket secondary contain the Hokie passing attack?**

Last year, the Jackets shutdown the passing game in the first half. However, after half time Virginia Tech quarterback Bryan Randall threw for 304 yards and three touchdowns.

Last year the Jacket defense had 10 interceptions for the entire season. In the first three games this season, the Jackets already have intercepted that many passes. The Jackets will need to keep pressure on Virginia Tech quarterback Marcus Vick. Jacket cornerbacks Dennis Davis, Kenny Scott and Jamal Lewis will need to step up in a big way against the Hokie receivers in order for the Jackets to win this game.

• **Can the Jacket front seven shake up Marcus Vick?**

While he may not have the talent that his older brother has, the younger Vick will still be a threat to the Tech defense. In Vick's first three games he has thrown for six touchdowns and 480 yards. Vick has 57 yards rushing and one touchdown run. Vick's speed and body strength are his two main assets. Tech's front seven will need to respond by getting into the backfield, putting pressure on early and often.

• **Will Georgia Tech's special teams improve from last week?**

Last game against UConn, the Jackets' special teams showed many weaknesses. The kick coverage allowed 128 return yards on only four attempts. The Jackets were plagued by a bad punt snap which led to a Huskie touchdown in the first quarter. Travis Bell missed a 43-yard field goal as well, though it was only his third miss of his two-year career.

For the Jackets to beat No. 4 Virginia Tech, the special teams must eliminate these mistakes and be on top of their game. Meanwhile Virginia Tech's coach Frank Beamer may have some tricks up his sleeve. His brand of "Beamer ball" is well known for putting pressure on punters as well as having a disciplined team that is able to execute trick plays.

The Jackets look to pull the upset in Blacksburg. This game is certainly the most important of the season thus far, directly affecting which team will get the bid to the ACC Championship game.

With Reggie Ball's playing status being questionable, the quarterback position is the most susceptible part of the offense.

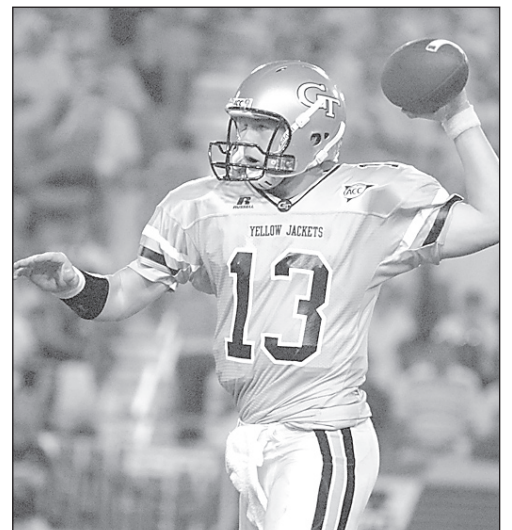
Eric Henderson's return to the lineup as defensive end will be a necessary part of shutting down the Hokie running game.

With two solid defenses facing each other, and a Jacket offense that has been in limbo all week, Tech may require a low-scoring game to win.

"We've designed our game plan to be able to handle both playing, and either one playing the whole ball game."

Chan Gailey

Speaking on Reggie Ball's uncertain starting status



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SOCCER BEATS MERCER

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The CRC and the library seem to attract opposite types of people. Read about the motivations of each group. Page 15



Battle at Blacksburg



Photo courtesy of the ACC

Senior runningback Cedric Humes has rushed for 151 yards and two touchdowns in the first three games this year.

WINNER TAKES LEAD IN COASTAL DIVISION

By Patrick Odneal
Sports Editor

Two undefeated teams face off tomorrow in a game that could impact who goes to the ACC Championship Game on Dec. 3. In last year's game the Jackets gave up 25 points in the fourth quarter as the Hokies prevailed 34-20 in the Thursday night game.

Junior Marcus Vick, younger brother to the current Atlanta Falcons quarterback, will be facing a Tech defense that sees the return of Eric Henderson to defensive end. Meanwhile Reggie Ball is recovering from viral meningitis and may be limited in his playing time. Last week backup quarterback Taylor Bennett led the Jackets to the win over Connecticut, but this week's Hokie defense will be much tougher than the Huskie defense. The Jackets have been practicing with offensive sets for both quarterbacks.

Virginia Tech has not allowed a point in their last two games, beating Duke and Ohio by a score of 45-0 in both contests. The Hokie offense, however, is not impenetrable. In the first game, N.C. State racked up 438 yards of total offense, although the Wolfpack lost 20-16.

Sophomore receiver Calvin Johnson will face a very tough defensive corner in Jimmy Williams. At 6'3" and 216 pounds Williams is one of the biggest corners in all of college football and matches body size with the 6'4" Johnson who weighs 230 pounds.

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By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Senior runningback P.J. Daniels has rushed for 328 yards and one touchdown in the first games of this season.

football forecast

Like the Harris Interactive Poll, the football forecast debuts in week four. Each week during the football season, the *Technique* will pick a list of college matchups to be played that weekend.

The winner is the person who submits the list with the most correctly projected winners. In the event of a tie, the winner is determined by the person who most accurately predicts the score of Tech's game. To submit your picks, go to www.technique.net/footballforecast. This week's games are:

- Georgia Tech at Virginia Tech
- Arizona State at Oregon State
- Boston College at Clemson
- Colorado at Miami
- Florida at Kentucky
- Iowa at Ohio State
- Kansas State at Oklahoma
- Maryland at Wake Forest
- North Carolina at N.C. State
- Purdue at Minnesota
- Tennessee at LSU
- Texas at Missouri

The first game begins tomorrow at 12 p.m. Picks must be submitted prior to the beginning of the first game. The winner from this week will appear in next week's issue of the *Technique* along with the sports editor's score.

Bennett leads Jackets to win



By Scott Medway / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Sophomore receiver Calvin Johnson scored on a 42-yard passing play on the Jackets' first play from scrimmage. Johnson caught three passes for 75 yards in Tech's 28-13 victory over the Huskies.

By Vishal Patel
Staff Writer

Despite the warnings of this being a "trap game," Tech overcame the illness to starting quarterback Reggie Ball as well as the loss of standout defensive end Eric Henderson to beat Connecticut 28-13.

The victory marked the first time since 2001, and only the second time in the last decade and a half, that the Jackets start the season 3-0. The Jackets moved up in the polls to No. 15 nationally.

Redshirt freshman Taylor Bennett made his first career start and completed 11 of 30 passes for

142 yards and no interceptions. Bennett's first pass of his career was a 42-yard touchdown pass to Calvin Johnson.

"It was a check. The first play was a check. If the pass was there he's supposed to take the pass and

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sports shorts

Football schedules Alabama for 2012

This week Tech announced a home-and-home football series with former SEC rival Alabama in 2012 and 2014. Tech will play the Crimson Tide in Tuscaloosa, Ala. in 2012, and then Alabama will visit Bobby Dodd Stadium in 2014.

The two teams last played in 1984 when the Jackets beat No. 19 Alabama 16-6 in Atlanta. The Crimson Tide leads the series 28-21-3.

Other notable opponents for the Jackets in upcoming years include Notre Dame (home in 2006, away in 2007), Army (home in 2007, away in 2008), and Mississippi (home in 2010, away in 2011).

ESPN Game Day features Tech game

ESPN's Chris Fowler, Kirk Herbstreit and Lee Corso will be broadcasting from Blacksburg, Va. tomorrow for their *College GameDay* broadcast. The show, which begins at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow, was originally scheduled to broadcast the Tennessee-LSU game from Baton Rouge, but the threat of Hurricane Rita has forced the show to move.

The show was last in Blacksburg for the 2000 Georgia Tech game that was cancelled due to lightning.